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DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
130TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Commander George Maple: Officers and members of the 130th annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will now come to order. Guide you will determine all entitled to remain.

Guide: Commander all are accounted for and entitled to remain.

Commander George Maple: Brother's, we meet again as Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session, to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our order, and to ourselves. The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing (three raps).

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the universe, who looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask your favor to bless our native land and preserve in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order; grant that it may long exist, and that it may continue to be the instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved, and deal with them in all things with Your special mercy. Give us Your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled, and so bless us that charity and justice, and peace and harmony shall remain and flow from us. Amen.

All: Amen.

Commander George Maple: Brothers, now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, present the Colors.

All: (in unison) I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Commander George Maple: By virtue of the authority vested in me I hereby declare the 130th annual encampment, Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The guard will admit all Brothers qualified to enter. (One rap of gavel)

Secretary Kevin Tucker: while we are working on the sound I'd like to remind everyone to come to the podium if you want to address the group, stand and be recognized by the commander, and then come up to the podium. We record the session so we need your voice, and also identify yourself before you speak.

Commander George Maple: this encampment will be run by Robert's rules. For the debates will be two minutes and two turns each per person. Secretary will you call the role of the officers.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: (see appendix) Sir, the role is called.

Commander George Maple: At this time I'd like to recognize our national representative Brother Bill Vieira. (Applause)

National Council of Administration Councilman William Vieira: Brother Yankees, it's an honor to be here to represent our Commander- in-Chief Don Palmer and the Brothers of the Council of Administration, and all of our elected national officers. It's nice to be back home in Massachusetts. I grew up in New Bedford. I moved to Rhode Island right after college and it is great be back home to be with Brothers of Massachusetts. We really, in Rhode Island, appreciated all of your support over all of the years and all of your help and assistance, and again it's a real honor to be here. I'd like to thank Brother Mellor very much for all of his hard work on this encampment, and his lovely wife Diane as well. Thank you for your fraternal courtesies in the hospitality of the weekend. It's very much appreciated. Thank you very much Perley, you deserve a round of applause. (Applause) the Commander-in-Chief asked me to bring a few words from his office and the Council of Administration to you and to let you know a few things we've been discussing and working on this past year. The survey that was done at the National Encampment brought up some very interesting needs and requirements in terms of the direction our organization needs to go. The thing that was most obvious in the survey, and we're seeing now, is the need for improved communications between a National Organization and the Departments and Camps. That seems to have been the thing that stood out most on the survey. He also, Don Palmer Commander-in-Chief, asked me to thank you for your hard work in recently trying to resolve reporting of EIN to the Department Treasurer, excuse me the National Treasurer, Brother Richard Orr, and in the future to try to resolve crisis such as the (unintelligible) we just had. The Commander-in-Chief informed the National Treasure that one of his responsibilities in terms of trying to improve communication that reports when the deadlines come up, the Department officers will be reminded by the national officers instead of waiting until the last minute when the deadline is here and not having the proper reports brought in from our Departments and having Departments under suspension. We're going to try to avoid that in the future by improving our communications and making sure that all of the Department officers are aware of the deadlines. We all have very busy lives and we are a volunteer organization and sometimes it's very easy for us to forget certain things we need to get done and our responsibilities to our organization. We understand that it is never malicious or intentional. We need communications in improving that. Then identifying those needs in going forward and continue to do so. I also understand right now that the Junior program is also being taken a look at and we're in the process of revising some of that. I don't have the details right now but I understand that's going to be one of the things probably being discussed in the next Council of Administration meeting in Springfield Illinois. They again thank you very much for all of your fraternal courtesies and hospitality. It certainly is an honor to be here and looking forward to Encampment in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. I wish you on behalf of our Commander-in-Chief and the Brothers of the Council of Administration a very, very prosperous and productive Encampment. Thank you again very much for having me here. (Applause)

Commander George Maple: I'd also like to recognize Past Commander-in-Chief Kennedy. (Applause) Would you like to say a few words?

Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy: I am good.

Commander George Maple: Brother Steve Twining, do you have a report on Credentials.

Brother Steve Twining: Steve Twining, Credentials Committee. I'm not really sure how to count this. I didn't add them up but what I can say is this, I don't have delegate cards from Dexter Bishop, Al Varney, I believe that is it. Can somebody vouch for them? I have 28 registered voters. We don't count the Juniors, or the aliens from Rhode Island.

Commander George Maple: The next order of business; we have a petition for reinstatement of past honors. This is from Brother Bill Ryerson.

Treasurer Daniel Murray: Point of Order. This is to be taken up under new business.

Commander George Maple: No it's not. We have done this in the past. We did Roy Henry's right at the beginning; it is right here. The transposing of business may be in any order as long as all business is finished before installation of officers.

Treasure Daniel Murray: As long as it is voted on by the Encampment it may be transposed.

Commander George Maple: It doesn't say it.

Treasurer Daniel Murray: All right.

Commander George Maple: Do you want to speak to that?

Councilman William Vieira: Well Commander, it's up to you. If you wish to follow the Order of Business or change the Order of Business, it may be transposed.

Commander George Maple: (reading letter) Dear Commander and others, I am asking the Encampment to restore my honors as Past Camp Commander and Past Department Commander as set forth in the CR&R of the Order. I have been reinstated as a member of Bay State Camp number 61 and I paid my 2011 dues plus the $10 reinstatement fee. I lost my honors because I let my dues drop. I am now seeking to have them restored so that I may participate in the activities of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the level I could prior to the loss. Reason for loss of honors in the National Regulations Chapter 1, Article II membership, Section 3A page 13: "A Brother whose dues are not paid by March 1 may be dropped for nonpayment of dues by a vote of the Camp. A Brother so dropped shall not be admitted to another Camp or Membership at Large unless having received the concurrence of the Camp which dropped him. The Camp which dropped the Brother may require the payment of any prior indebtedness prior to the reinstatement of a Brother in any Camp. A Brother may be reinstated by paying the current year's dues plus a reinstatement fee of $10. Dues not paid while a Brother was not part of the order are not considered prior indebtedness. A Brother so dropped from the roles of the Camp shall be issued a general discharge for the Good of the Order." I am seeking restoration of my Past Camp Commander honors as per the following: Chapter 2, Article II, Section 4, "to obtain restoration

of rank of Past Camp Commander the Brother shall make a request in writing to the Camp of which he is a Brother and acted upon favorably by the Camp in regular session; said request shall be forwarded to the Department Commander setting forth the causes of loss of rank and reason for request of restoration. The Department Commander shall present same to the Department Encampment where if acted upon favorably such rights shall be restored." (End of letter)
It goes on for the Department Commander, but we have to do the Past Camp Commander vote first. We can do the Past Department Commander without passing the Past Camp Commander.

Councilman William Vieira: So what you would do is entertain a motion from the floor to reinstate, get a second, have discussion and vote.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Point of Order sir. According to the rules you just read that Bill put into that letter, the Camp had to have a vote and then forward it to the Department. Did that happen?

Commander George Maple: The vote doesn't have to be…

Secretary Kevin Tucker: The Camp has to vote on the request and it has to be forwarded to the Department Commander.

Commander George Maple: This is a request.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: No, that is Bill's letter to you. Did the Camp forward a request? It should say that Camp voted on what day. Whatever date the Camp held the meeting and the result of the vote.

Commander George Maple: I believe the Camp Secretary had said that. Brother Twining?

Brother Stephen Twining: That's correct. Steve Twining Camp Secretary, Bay State Camp 61. The vote was taken and it was unanimous, as a matter of fact, and the information was passed on. Somewhere here in my folder I have a copy of the minutes of that meeting and that will suffice to solve that problem.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I would like a ruling on whether that suffices or not.

Commander George Maple: The secretary attesting will suffice.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: It's supposed to be a request in writing to you. This is not a request in writing. It's him creating his minutes. As Commander you have to rule if you will accept it.

Commander George Maple: I accept it. I told him to bring it.

Brother Stephen Twining: This is the meeting of March 27, 2011. The motion was made by Brother David Gatchel to reinstate Brother William Ryerson senior, Jeremy Ryerson, William Ryerson Junior. The motion was seconded by Robert H Knight PDC, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: That's not the same thing as restoring his honors. That's restoring his membership in the Camp.

Brother Stephen Twining : A motion was made by Brother David Gatchel to restore his honors as Past Camp Commander and Past Department Commander. I missed that part.

Commander George Maple:I will still entertain a motion from the floor to vote on restoration for Brother William Ryerson Past Camp Commander.

Brother Stephen Twining: Brother Steve Twining Bay State Camp 61, I make a motion that we vote to restore his Past Camp Commander honors.

Commander George Maple: Do I have a second?

Unknown: Second.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Brothers, you heard the letter that Brother Ryerson wrote to the Commander. He left out some things. He said he left for nonpayment of dues. He was found guilty by a Trial Committee and refused to accept the punishment. The charge was Conduct Unbecoming a Brother. He refused to accept the punishment, which was very mild, it was a letter of reprimand, and then he walked away from the Department. He waited a couple of years until some of the officers had passed on and wants to get back in without being sorry for what he did or admitting that he did anything wrong. If Brother Ryerson wants to have past honors restored he needs to apologize to the offended people and make himself right with the Organization before being given back those honors. He is a member already and honors just gives his Camp an extra vote and gives himself standing in the community. Until he reconciles with the Brother's, I don't think it should happen. I would urge you to vote against this.

Brother Stephen Twining: Steve Twining Bay State Camp 61. The reason Brother Ryerson lost his honors was for nonpayment of his dues. He did not lose those honors for any other reason. He was found guilty by trial in the Department which included a year suspension. It was appealed and went to National and the committee at National recommended he get a letter of reprimand. It had nothing to do with him losing his honors. He is here; he is asking to get his honors back because he was dropped for nonpayment of dues. That can be confirmed with the Commander-in- Chief at the time. I recommend that we vote for it.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I don't doubt that he was dropped for nonpayment of dues. I'm just telling you why he didn't pay his dues. It is because he walked away from the Organization because he wasn't happy with the guilty verdict.

Brother Stephen Twining: And I would just question Brother Tucker why he walked away. He did not quit, he did not get a discharge of any form; he was only dropped for the nonpayment of dues.

Treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray Department Treasurer. I recommend that you vote against this motion, for the reason he walked away from the Department when he was being punished. He said some very vile things about some people and he has never apologized to anyone for what he said about them. I can pick out a half-dozen people in this room is done it to. I just don't think he deserves the honors that he wants the Department to give back to him. Thank you.

Brother Conley Ford: Conley Ford Camp 3188. I echo what Brother Tucker says, what Brother Murray says, and a few others in here too I'm sure feel the same as we do. I think when a Brother says unkind things about another Brother with no remorse and tries to get his way back under a lame excuse for not paying his dues that is wrong and I think this person should come forward and speak to the group as an Organization but he has yet to do that. I say vote against this motion.

Commander George Maple: Any other discussion? We will vote by paper ballot as this is kind of a heated issue.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: You may want to state how they mark their vote. What a yes vote means and a no vote means. Ed Norris Department Junior Vice Commander. I would state how the vote takes place in terms of yes needs reinstatement and no means no.

Commander George Maple: A yes vote means to restore his Past Camp Commander honors and a no means denied.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: To make this simple I'm going to just hand you a blank piece of paper on which you write yes or no.

National Councilman William Vieira: You should count them as you pass them out and verify no one is voting twice.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Roy would you count them as you give them out please, just how many you give out.

Commander George Maple: Brother Rotando, would you head the counting committee, and Brother Perley and Brother Ed Kelly?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: One more time, a yes vote restores Brother Ryerson's honors, and a no vote says not.

National Councilman William Vieira: It was reported by Brother Twining there were 28 voting members.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Do we have 28 including the Department Commander?

Brother Stephen Twining: Yes.

Commander George Maple: Has everyone turned in their ballot?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: The Department Commander doesn't vote.

Commander George Maple: How many votes do you have Perley?

Councilman Perley Mellor: We have 25 right now.

Unknown: Some people didn't vote. They don't have to; as long as you don't have more than 28 ballots.

Councilman Perley Mellor: We're going to go with 25.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Somebody didn't punch their chad through. We're going to have to call Janet Reno.

Councilman Perley Mellor: Brother Commander, Brother Perley Mellor for the Counting Committee for restoration vote. Seven yes; the vote for no is 18.

Commander George Maple: Thank you. Brother Secretary, send a letter to the Camp notifying them of the results.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Do you have to declare the motion is defeated?

Commander George Maple: The motion from Camp 61 has been defeated. Brother Norris, would you serve on the Constitution and Regulations Committee, and Brother Borden would you also serve? Also, Brother Jonathan Duce. Do we have any Resolutions?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: We do have a couple. If you name the committee first then we will deal with this.

Commander George Maple: Brother Chambers, Resolution Committee? Brother Ford, Resolutions committee?

Brother Conley Ford: I'm sure there is somebody here more deserving.

Commander George Maple: No there's not.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: We need your judgment.

Commander George Maple:We value your input.

Brother Conley Ford: I know nothing about that particular position.

Commander George Maple: You evaluate the Resolution and form an opinion.

Brother Conley Ford: I'd be happy to do so.

Commander George Maple: Brother Bates, would you be on the Resolutions Committee?

Brother John Bates: Sure.

Commander George Maple: Brother Mellor, would you be on the Fraternal Relations Committee?

Councilman Perley Mellor: Sure.

Commander George Maple: Brother Bonney, would you serve on the Fraternal Relations Committee?

Brother Al Bonney: Yes.

Commander George Maple: Do we have any Officers who would like to submit their reports?

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: Brother Stuart Chambers, Past Camp Commander Camp 25, Department Patriotic instructor. Back in January I sent out an email to all of the Camps and called them up. I do not have a website requesting that a PI, Patriotic Instructor report be submitted to me and suggest that they look at the Department website for my mailing address, my email address and my phone number if they have any questions. Back in January I had no response, February, still no response and prior to this event I sent out emails once again and sent out mailings to the Camps that have no email address with the form that needs to be filled out. I'd like to thank Camp 25 Willie Grout for sending in their form, Camp 50, Camp 104 and Camp 3188 for responding to my requests and my phone call. I'd love to be able to give a total report as to the activities of the Camps but with only a partial response I don't feel it would be a complete report and also the fact that our Brother from Rhode Island was nice enough to say how necessary these reports are because whatever we do at a Camp or Department level I have to turn in to National and I'd like to do that in a timely fashion. I do still have some time left so if the other Camps which I did not mention would please send their reports to me either via email or snail mail, I'd like to get them as soon as possible so I can fill out the report for what I need to do.

Commander George Maple: Do we have any representatives from any of those Camps here?

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: Would you like me to name those Camps?

Commander George Maple: Sure.

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: Camp 5. I'm not sure Camp 22 has a Patriotic Instructor.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: No, they are a Member at Large Camp.

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: So Camp 15, Camp 26, Camp 61, and Camp 132. The only thing I'd like to add additionally to that question number two on the form; does your Camp visit schools to share the history of the Civil War and/or offer Patriotic Exercises about the flag of the United States of America. Last year and this year I'd state 99% of these forms say no. If there are any people who are retired within the Camps that could approach some of the schools or even some of the Boy Scout activities it would be nice in these years that we have our 150th anniversary of the Civil War. It will be nice to just make the information available to a lot of our youth in our areas. It is a time of a lot of activities Massachusetts and I'd like to see the activities increase. Thank you Commander.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Do you have that report in written form? Can I have a copy?

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: No I didn't write it.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Could you email it to me?

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: As I said I'm waiting for all of the forms to come in.

Commander George Maple: Do you have any other recommendations beyond the school?

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: Just that there is a lot of activities out there and it would be nice for not only Patriotic Instructors but if any of the members who might be retired or might have time to get out there and promote not only the Sons but patriotism in general that would be terrific.

Commander George Maple: Thank you Chip. Any other reports?

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice Commander. This is my report. Duties of the Department Junior Vice Commander should include contacting prospective Brothers whose name are supplied by the Junior Vice Commander- in-Chief within two weeks of receipt of said names. 2. Provide the names and addresses of the perspective Brothers to the Junior Vice Commander of the Camp and give the respective Brother a follow-up. So I'll cover those two first. I received 11 names submitted by the Junior Vice Commander- in- Chief. All individuals contacted within two weeks. (Unintelligible) was assigned to Camp 104 on April 13, Richard Davis was assigned to Camp 22 on May 9th, Michael Rice was assigned to Camp 26 on July 9th, plus (unintelligible) assigned to Camp 25 on July 11th, Randall Burke to Camp 104 a July 12th, Leonard Wood assigned to Camp 25 by request on August 8th, Robert Wood was assigned to Camp 25 by request on August 8th, Joseph Curry assigned to Camp 25 by request on September 8th, Jeffrey Albanese assigned to Camp 3188 on November 16th, Eric Demers assigned to Camp 25 of March 15th and William Perry assigned to Camp 15 on March 15th. 3rd duty; presiding at Department Encampment in the absence of both the Department Commander and the Department Senior Vice Commander. I didn't know if you'd be here or not. I wasn't sure about this duty until today, apparently I will not have to carry it out. 4; carry out other

responsibilities delegated to the office by Department Bylaws, Department Encampment, and Department Commander. All duties in the Department Bylaws and Department Encampment were carried out when called upon. I carried out the duties for the Department Commander on December 19th when I installed the officers of Camp 61 as our Department Commander was installing the officers of Camp 5. That is my Junior Vice Commander's report.

GAR Highway Officer Edward Norris: The GAR Highway report: The purpose of this office is to ascertain the placing and condition of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway signs on Route 6, the GAR Highway as it passes through the state and bring to the proper authorities the need for repair of the highway signage. Unfortunately I was not able to travel the GAR Highway this year but I did research the highway and found the following law: 1958 Chapter 667 an act designating certain highways as the Grand Army of the Republic being enacted et cetera as follows, section 1, The portion of the highway now known as Route 6A that begins in Provincetown and extends to North Truro to be designated as the Grand Army of the Republic, Section 2, this act shall take effect upon passage. It was approved October 20, 1958. So this may have removed the act of 1937 that designated Route 6 from Provincetown to the property line of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the state of Rhode Island as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. My recommendation is the next GAR Highway Officer should verify if both Route 6 and Route 6A between Provincetown in North Truro are marked as Grand Army of the Republic. This is my report.

Commander George Maple: Any recommendations as Junior Vice Commander?

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris:No.

Brother Stephen Twining : Steve Twining Department Graves Registration Officer. I have been very active finding and recording Civil War graves in and around the Department of Massachusetts. The statistics available show that 28,143 soldier's graves registered on the national website and there are 26,353 Civil War veterans recorded as being buried in Massachusetts. The last number includes soldiers, sailors and Marines, members of the US Cutter service and nurses. The first number only lists those as having served Massachusetts. In the past year I have spoken to international Rotary clubs about the Sons of Union Veterans graves registration project. I scheduled to talk to a third in a couple of weeks. I was also the guest speaker for the Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society. Again I talked about graves registration and the Sons of Union Veterans. I went to an old cemetery in Worcester to see recovered flag holders that were stolen from cemeteries in and around the Worcester area. The cemetery agreed to give the Civil War flag holders to us after they are released by the police. They are on view down there for people who thought they had a flag holder taken from their graves. Rey Rodriguez is going to keep in touch with the police until they can be released and then they will try to be put back in the cemeteries they came from. I wrote letters of thanks to the operators of three scrap dealers that were instrumental in the arrest of the people who stole the flag holders. I have been in contact with my state representative and I am working with him to push through a bill in the state legislature to increase the penalties for taking things from graves, and to pass a bill making the purchase of cemetery flag holders by scrap dealers illegal. It has been reported to me that a large number of flag holders, the aluminum ones that have been put by Camp 104 in Wakefield have gone missing. I believe the number is 61. Because of my position

as an aide to the National Graves Registration Committee I have also spent time correcting and adding information to the graves of Massachusetts soldiers and all Civil War veterans buried in Massachusetts that have already been recorded. I have a volunteer working for me through the United Way program and he has put basic information in a database for over 1200 Civil War soldiers buried in Lawrence, Massachusetts. I expect to be receiving information very soon on about 700 soldiers buried in Lowell, Massachusetts from a group known as Lowell Irish. They are a group that studies the Irish immigration to Lowell. I respectfully submit this report, Steve Twining, Department Graves Registration Officer.

Commander George Maple: Do you have any recommendations?

Brother Steve Twining: The only recommendation I was going to make probably to be afterwards when we vote on the budget to adjust a number of flag holders between GAR flag holders and 1861-1865 flag holders. I just asked that people get out and do graves registration. There are still thousands out there that haven't been done.

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers, Patriotic Instructor, Department of Massachusetts. The only other thing I would like to add is the Massachusetts Department site doesn't seem to update in a timely fashion. I'm still Camp Commander of Camp 25 and this is now March and we had elections late last year, and when I send emails out, I'm sending emails out to the wrong people because emails are going to Camp Commanders on the site rather than those that have been updated, and also there's no way for me to know who the new Patriotic Instructor or the old Patriotic Instructor is. So if there's any way that could be listed in the future for either me if I'm reappointed or the next person that is Patriotic Instructor, an update would be nice.

Commander George Maple: Brother Tucker.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander for the Department. An update on our Form 22's, they are not all in. So it is not the webmasters fault that all of the Camps are not updated.

Commander George Maple: Brother Manning just had surgery too if I am not mistaken. So he is a little behind.

Department Treasurer Daniel Murray: I took over as Treasurer last April. Daniel Murray Department Treasurer. It has taken a while to sign over all of the books and there is one CD where the date had passed to change without incurring a penalty. So it will be done this year. That would have been the old GAR trust which has to be broken up into the other funds. So what I've done is distribute the interest to the other funds. Department funds have gone down a little, too, $486,887.26 last year. I talked to Wells Fargo yesterday and is currently at $447,331.00. Even though the fund is down the income from the fund is up and they are projecting $20,200.00 for this coming year and they said it should be more than that. So that's the good news. The bottom line on the Department is last year we had $692,907.64, in this year we had $648,755.28. The only funds are being rolled over are the ones required by trust. This is the first year for the Marshall Fund and a check was sent to Camp 25 because it is the only camp in Worcester

County. A check was sent to them for $72.01. If anyone is interested I can give you a breakdown of the interest. The checking account right now $15,244.97 and that doesn't include finishing up our fiscal year. The checking account on April 1 will have a little less then it shows now. The bottom line in the checking account is about $15,000 and our budget this year is about $22,000. Right now we have spent about $18,000 and the amount spent will increase because of costs incurred for the Encampment. We should have about the surplus of $3500.00 with this year's budget after all of the checks are written. The CPA is not yet done with last year's audit as of last week

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice Commander. One of the things I wanted to mention was the CPA report they are working on. I didn't know this until the last couple of week, we have GAR Trusts, we have Trust Funds that we voted on; we voted on separating a couple of Encampments ago. Those are restricted funds and we cannot dip into the principals of those. It is set in stone. I think we interpreted as any interest that was not spent be rolled back into it, which would increase that fund. Our CPA told us that this is not true. They actually become unrestricted funds and we don't have to add them to the principal. If we earn $100 and spend $50 we can roll the $50 over to the next year to be spent.

Department Secretary Kevin Tucker: Does that mean when it's rolled over it still has to be spent for the purpose of the trust? For example the Wood Fund is used for decorating the grave at Mount Auburn Cemetery. So again, if we got $100 interest in that Trust Fund and you use $50 of that and we get another $100 next year potentially we could spend $150 at Mount Auburn.

Department Treasurer Daniel Murray: Gettysburg trip reservation started out pretty good but we ran into trouble, one woman had a heart attack and for various reasons some other people dropped out. By then the contracts for the bus and hotel had been signed and the money had to be sent in by November 1st. There were five or six people who dropped out after the deadline. The Department Commander and Council authorized extra funds if we should go over the $2000. We figured we would go over by $300 and they authorized up to $500. I talked to the bus company and they reduced their fee by $400 and by doing this the loss was $95.21. We started out with 28 people on October 31st and only 20 ended up going. Everyone that went said it was a good trip. Thank you

Commander George Maple: Are there any other reports? Brother Kelly.

Civil Wars Memorials Officer Edward Kelly: Ed Kelly Civil War Memorials Officer. I find it necessary to resign my appointment as Department of Massachusetts Civil War Memorials Officer. Some family issues have presented themselves and need to be addressed. Time constraints have also taken their time on me to do this job and I feel that in the best interests of the Department I must resign. Bruce Butgereit past Civil War Memorials Officer presented me recently with a Memorial CD from Massachusetts and I will see to it that the new Department of Massachusetts Civil War Memorials Officer receives a copy. In my library searches I have found a seven page booklet of Union Civil War monuments in Massachusetts by Mildred Baruch and Meldrum Beckman and this information will also be given to the new Department of Massachusetts Civil War Memorials Officer. Thank you.

Commander George Maple: Brother Kelly, do you have any recommendations as Civil War Memorials Officer?

Civil War Memorials Officer Edward Kelly: I wish I did. When I sent the letter to you on the 28th, I was kind of hoping you would come up with some kind of recommendation.

Commander George Maple: I don't have a recommendation for the new person, for the new person will be doing this job?

Civil War Memorials Officer Edward Kelly: Just pick up where I left off.

Commander George Maple: Are there any other officer or committee reports?

Eagle Scout Award Officer Timothy Callahan: Brother Commander, as Eagle Scout Awards Officer I take great pride in what I do and before I begin I would like to thank Stuart Chambers, Steve Twining, Brother Borden, who else is here I should acknowledge, Brother Kelly and others. I cannot attend or do all of the Courts of Honors. I tried to have somebody there to show up, if not I reluctantly mailed them out. That's the way it happens. In the past year we've done 41 commendations. That's not many compared to the past three years. I have a nice backlog for May and June. So it's going to pick up and I will continue on and I hope I can. You have to plug yourself. Thank you

Commander George Maple: Next report.

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop, Chaplain and Chairman of the Chelsea Soldiers Home Committee. At this point as Chaplain I have been attending the various meetings that I've been invited to and performed the duties of Chaplain. I also prepared the Memorial Service this morning for our past members. I've been available if there were any needs or problems I could take care of as Chaplain. I've been there, hopefully, and that is basically what I have been doing as Chaplain. As for the Charity side of the at the Soldiers Home, we had another excellent year of working with various patients. The nursing care side of the home has 12 wards. All of the individuals in those wards are long-term care; they don't get out very much and not too people coming in to see them or visit. Our visits are one that have become very much a part of their lives on a monthly basis. We usually have anywhere from 30 to 40 and some big parties we've had 100 people come down in their wheelchairs. Most of them are in wheelchairs. They come down and visit with us and we have presented various programs. I have drawn on both the Roundtable community and also the Sons of Union Veterans community to provide speakers on a monthly basis, and programs. We have brought in a lot of goodies. The thing about these veterans is they love to eat and the sweeter the better. That's a big issue with them. It's a big treat when we have a pizza party or something like that. That all goes toward their feelings that somebody cares and they have certainly said so and I have a letter here that was given to me, actually mailed to me the other day, and this is from John Davis who is the director of Therapeutic Recreation and Volunteer services. He just sent this to me and also to the Sons of Union Veterans, "on behalf of the patients of the Quigley Memorial Long-term Care Unit I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the

Civil War for a wonderful"… in this particular case pizza party on Wednesday, March 21st, we were able to reach into, with pizza, 8 of the 12 wards they have, plus a group that came down to hear the presentation. We had talked about Gettysburg. Brother Nichols, could you stand up and tell us what you produce for us.

Brother Richard Nichols: I made a small 15 by .....

Department Secretary Kevin Tucker-No that isn't going to work. You need to come up,

Commander George Maple: Brother, Kevin can't hear you without the microphone.

Department Secretary Kevin Tucker: That is true. State your name first.

Brother Richard Nichols: Richard Nichols Secretary of Camp 104. Some of you know that I make small dioramas and I donated a 15" x 10" wide Battle of Gettysburg, more or less like Pickets Charge, representing the 19th Massachusetts which was filling in for a battery. I made this so they would be able to see it and enjoy it, and thanks to Dexter Bishop with all of the history I gave with it he made a nice presentation at the last meeting. It encourages them to learn our Civil War history, thank you.

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: We also have a fantastic donation from the Auxiliary of New Hampshire. They presented, actually gave, 50 to 60 lap robes that were hand crocheted. I can't thank Dan's wife enough for all the work she's done in getting those lap robes. The residents are absolutely enthralled with these laprobes. Just to give you an idea, we put out the first one and there was a woman there in a wheelchair and she said "oh can I have that one", so I give it to her. A few minutes later as I was pulling out some more she said "I like that color better", so I said because it's you I will swap with you across the board. You could see how happy these guys were and most of them were men. The least little thing like a lap robe to put over their laps when they're sitting in their wheelchairs, it's an amazing thing. It's happening because you as a Department made it possible. I may be there and others may go up such as Camp 5 and that is the insignificant part. You giving us the support take and continue I call it a ministry of the Department. These guys, a lot of them are forgotten, and there is one guy up there and I'm probably going to embarrass John Bates, but John used to live next to him. Every month he greets me at the front door and he says" is he coming today ", so at least once a year I manage to grab John and drag him in to give a presentation. He's been waiting three months now "he is coming in April for sure?" That's the type of feeling that's within this group of guys that have us come and show a little interest, just a little interest in them. We always try to thank them for their service as veterans and I might say that a lot of them are passing quickly, because we're looking at all those who participated in the Second World War, Korean War and the Vietnam War. We are all getting up there and time is marching on. So I want to say on behalf of me, and I will finish the letter from John Davis, we had been going for three years now every month usually it is the third Wednesday at 1 PM. We are on their schedule now, it just says Civil War show and down they come in their chairs. I also tell you when I was talking with John a couple of months ago he said when you first came to us I couldn't figure out what you're going to do. What was so great that you guys wanted to come in. Now he knows he has gone from someone who said okay you can have this room there or we went up to a ward and now he sits there and listens just as

our veterans do that are there. I can tell you from experience you think sometimes they are not hearing what is going on. Well I can tell you they are listening because we always have a few questions. Those questions are very penetrating to whatever the topic was of the day. So they know what is going on. Their bodies have quit on them but their minds are still pretty sharp. So they see two things: they know they're there by themselves and they appreciate the fact we are there they were talking about something they might have an interest in. So it is appreciated the not only by them but also appreciated by the administration that is running the hospital. By the way I'll tell you one last thing, the soldiers home in Chelsea was founded by the GAR and it just so happens Lander Post 5 Commander J B Adams was one of the first Commandants of that home and was instrumental in getting that home in place. So much so that over on the barracks side there is a building that is named after him. There is a big bronze plaque saying this is the J B Adams building. J B Adams was also a recipient of the Medal of Honor for his work in the war. Well that is my report, thank you and I hope we will be able to continue that effort.

Commander George Maple: Thank you. Brother Tucker.

Department Secretary Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Department Secretary. I just wanted to add a couple of things. I was up there for Christmas when they had their Christmas party. They gave some gifts away and they served some food to some of the veterans there. I saw Al Barton. Al was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans in Camp 104 just a few years ago. He's an older gentleman in his early 80s. His wife passed away a few years ago and he ended up living in Arlington, sold his house and moved down south. Once he moved down south his fortune and his life turned for the worse. He lost everything and moved to Maine with his son. His son got into some trouble there and he ended up homeless and ended up in the Chelsea Soldiers Home. So there but for the grace of God go I. Any of us could end up there and none of us want to be forgotten. Al is a great guy; had a lot of energy, loved to march in parades, he didn't want to carry a rifle so he always asked to wear my sidearm. He was a pudgy little guy, nothing like myself. He's a great guy, he is excited about the Sons up there and having contact again with all of us. These monthly programs are astounding for the morale they produce. I would even motion that if any patients at the Chelsea Soldier Home wish to join the Sons of Union Veterans that the Department pay their dues. Not dues, National per capita.

Commander George Maple: Motion on the floor.

Unknown: Second

Commander George Maple: All in favor? All posts? Motion carries, Brother Chambers.

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers, Department Patriotic Instructor. I was going to try to sneak this in after that gentleman sitting in my chair was finished. Some time ago I got an email; I, for a number of years, have been researching the 51st Massachusetts volunteer militia as my great-grandfather was in it. Some time ago a gentleman had sent me an email wanting some info on his ancestor, his relative was an officer in the 51st. I took all of the information I had and sent it back and also told him about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Mollus which was an organization that was for officers in the Civil War. He in turn wrote me back and asked for more information about the Sons of Union Veterans of the

Civil War. Happily, both he and his son both became members of the Sons of Union Veterans. With regards to Brother Tim over there, this is an email that I have because I also found out that Leonard's son Robert was in the Scouts." Robert says hello and wants to thank you very much for obtaining the Eagle Scout recognition from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He also brought it to a Scout meeting and showed it to everyone which generated a lot of questions about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I would also like to thank you and the members of Willie Grout Camp 25 for extending yourselves to Robert and recognizing his accomplishments. I think his grandfather would have been proud. The fact that we remembered his grandfather in the great work you guys have been performing in perpetuating the sacrifices of this great nation, Robert's commendation would not have happened if it were not for you, Chip." I would also like to mention that both Leonard and Robert are from Rhode Island.

Commander George Maple: Right now it is about 11:55 and our Presidents luncheon starts at noon. Brother Mellor how long do you need for your lunch?

Council Member Perley Mellor: At least in hour

Commander George Maple: Okay, break until 1:30.

Brother Matthew Wallace-Gross: Commander, will there be Camp reports this afternoon?

Commander George Maple: Yes, there will. We miss your Camp's report; maybe we should come back 15 minutes early (laughter).

Three raps from gavel. Meeting recessed at 12 noon.

Commander George Maple: Will the Fraternal Relations Committee give our greetings to the ladies. Brother Secretary, do we have any communications?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Yes, we do. We don't need to read your Orders because we've had them read at the Camp level.

Commander George Maple: The last one should probably be read.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: All right, I will read it.
(Department order No. 5 read. See appendix)

Gen. Order No. 17, series 2011-2012. March 21, 2012:
1) I have the sad duty of reporting the passing of Past Commander in Chief Alan R L Loomis. He passed away on 19th March at the age of 77 after a long battle with cancer.
2) Past Commander- in-Chief Loomis was a long time member of David Porter Camp 116 in Valparaiso, Indiana. He served two terms as Camp Commander and three terms as Indiana Department Commander. He was elected Commander- in- Chief on 11th August 1993 at the 115th National annual Encampment in Columbus, Ohio. PC in C Loomis was a friend and mentor to many in the SUVCW and will be remembered for significant accomplishments in support of our Order. Notable accomplishments include his work to restore the GAR highway to

prominence, the establishment of the Iron Brigade Highway, and service as Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Program Committee.
I requested that all members drape badges, Camp and Department charters and the National Website in black until the 21st April 2012 in remembrance of Past Commander- in-Chief Loomis. Brothers may express their condolences by signing the electronic guestbook established at the Bartholomew Funeral Home in Valparaiso, Indiana. Ordered this 21st day of March 2012 Donald Palmer, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander George Maple: Brother Tucker, do you have a few of those to come? I believe the ladies are outside.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I have one more. I can wait till after.

Commander George Maple: Is it a long one?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I'm sure it can wait.

(Three raps of gavel. Sisters of the Auxiliary are escorted in. One rap of gavel)

Sister Anna Frail: Gentleman on behalf of our National President Anne Jaster, I would like to extend greetings to the Department of Massachusetts and Commander George. I hope you have a wonderful rest of the Encampment and everything goes pretty harmonious. Thank you

Unknown Sister: On behalf of the ladies Auxiliary and our Department President Diane Mellor, we would like to present to you our Love Token and wish you a happy and harmonious meeting.

Commander George Maple: On behalf of the Department of Massachusetts we appreciate it.

(Sisters of the Auxiliary are escorted out)

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Continuing on. We have correspondence from me to the Department to be read. March 23, 2012 Brothers of the old Bay State agreeing that the purpose, mission and responsibility of the National Organization should be to facilitate Brothers at the local level who actually perform the work of the Order. So I would ask for your support and votes of your delegates for my election to the National Council of Administration at our upcoming National Encampment in Los Angeles next August.

I am running for this office because I feel this Organization has been lacking in enough strong voices to support the statement above. I promise to be one such voice. I believe that the Sons of Union Veterans is not a social organization like a roundtable or reenacting groups. We are a service organization which sets us apart from other groups in the Civil War community. We exist to carry on the work of the GAR through efforts such as Graves Registration, monument preservation, memorials programs, educational and patriotic presentations.

As a service organization, our most precious asset are the members who perform such work. Without that, the organization cannot fulfill its reason for existence. Some in this Order perceive

the structure of this organization to be in the shape of a pyramid with the members being the base supporting Camps, then supporting the Departments, the Departments supporting the National Organization. I believe that pyramid should be upended.

The National Organization should make it easier for Brothers of the Order to perform their work by lending guidance and assistance to Departments and their officers in order to maximize the value of work being done by the Camps. Departments should serve to make it easier for Brothers to perform their work by lending guidance and assistance to Camps coordinating the efforts of their officers in order to maximize the value of the work being done by members.

All the regulations in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations doesn't register one grave. All policies enacted by the Council of Administration can't assess the condition of a monument. All the General Orders in the history of the Organization cannot perform a memorial service or decorate a grave. My Brothers, working with your local cemeteries, towns and local school will perform the work of this Order and therefore should be the real focus of the work of the Organization at every level.

If you honor me by electing me to the Council of Administration, I promise that my first consideration in any decisions being brought to the Council of Administration will be whether or not passage will make it easier for Brothers to perform the work of the Order. If it does, I will support it; if it makes things more difficult, I will oppose it.

I am a direct descendent of Charles Elwell, Company H, 11th Mass Volunteer Infantry. I have been an active member of Charles Bond Camp 104, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for 15 years; I'm active at all levels of the Organization, and you and I usually perform Graves Registration, monument assessment, organize and participate in memorial services, historical programs, march in parades, volunteer and the organization at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. My service to the order includes currently holding Secretary of the Department of Massachusetts, Treasurer of Charles H Bond Camp 104, Patriotic Instructor of General Lander Camp and I am on the National Civil Wars Memorial Committee.

In the past I have served the Order as Department Commander for two terms, National Civil Wars Memorial Officer for three years, and Chairman of the 2008 National Encampment Host Committee. Current member of the General Frederick Lander Camp 5, Camp Commander of Charles H Bond Camp 104, and organizer of the Charlestown National Sesquicentennial Event in 2011. I also served in every elected office in the Department of Massachusetts except Treasurer. I served in every elected office at the Camp level.

I was in the United States Air Force for four years, enlisting in 1977 at the age of 17; I served as a crew chief on F4 fighter aircraft with the 474 air tactical fighter wing at Ellis Air Force Base, Nevada from 1978 to 1981, obtaining the rank of Sgt. before being discharged at the end of my enlistment.

I have held management positions in my professional career and settled in the informational technology field for the last 16 years. I am currently network manager for a large international real estate investment company based in Boston.

Thank you for your consideration, In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty Kevin P Tucker, PDC, Department of Massachusetts.

I don't have any other correspondence

Commander George Maple: Do we have any unfinished business? Are there any Camp reports?

Brother Conley Ford: Commander Maple, I am happy to report to you that Satuit Camp 3188's heart is still beating. We are still active at the National level, the Department level, the Camp level and at the town level. Although our numbers sometimes are small at the different venues I proud to say that Remembrance Day in November was a big success for us. We had at least 10, maybe 12 who attended Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It was a fun event. Of course we had a delegate at the National convention this year too. Of course we continue to participate at the Department level. We have two of our members who are currently officers in the Department. Our Commander Matt Gross could not be here today; his wife took ill and is currently indisposed at the hospital, uh his grandmother. And our Secretary, Brother Manning has had surgery and is recovering from that.

So what I'm giving here today is just a report on our activities last year. I'm sure Commander Gross will be giving you a written record. But I think it was worthy of being reported of some of the things we have been involved with as a Camp. To me, veterans are veterans no matter if they are from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, Civil War or all of the wars that come after that period of time. They all lie in the same cemeteries and what we have existing in one of the oldest towns in Massachusetts in Scituate, Massachusetts, 350th anniversary, we've come to realize that in the time we had over 2000 living veterans living in Scituate at this time. This is not counting their families.

What are we doing for veterans and their spouses of the loved ones they left behind. We have a veterans service officer which is part-time so what we did was we took the initiative to spearhead to go for a full-time veterans agent, to go for a Veterans Council. They did not have a Council representing the veterans of the town so we started a letter writing campaign spearheaded by the Sons of Union Veterans to the editor of the local paper to rally support. We brought in the VFW, the American Legion, the Gold Star mothers, the Blue Star moms and other organizations. We brought this to them that we need funding locally and nationally for veterans. We didn't think the veterans were getting their fair share of representation to the town selectmen.

As a result of this, we have a Veterans Council of nine people. These nine people are made up of the leaders of the different veteran's organizations. The American Legion, the VFW, plus also nonveterans are represented on this Council. Most towns, as you know, the veterans are primarily represented by the veterans organizations but they only make up 5% of veterans nationwide. Hhow about the other 95% of the veterans out there? Are their needs being served? We felt that in all cases they were not. So with a Veterans Council we can reach out to all veterans and their families, both to our recent veterans and the ones who are deceased and any

living spouse. But we could be a responsive organization by networking with veterans organizations in getting that synergy we need in the town.

So when we walk into our cemeteries in Scituate where some of our Civil War veterans are buried and next to them are some from the Revolutionary war and all wars that came after that are in the same cemetery so we get this kind of respect; we get synergy in our monuments we are perpetuating.

In other words a veteran is a veteran no matter what war he was in. We've got that type of recognition, so that's something we can do in preserving and perpetuating the memory of those comrades that thanking them for the nation that we have today, so I challenge you if you don't have an active veterans agent that is proactively working for veterans and their families, if you don't have a Veterans Council, it is easy to start. Let it start with you; you be a catalyst and unite with the other veterans organizations.

Yes, we've had 4 signature events, we march in Memorial Day in uniform, we march on Veterans Day, we lay wreaths, in other words we are working with the other veteran's organizations. The Sons has become a force in our home town of Scituate and this is a town 350 years old. Can you imagine all of the veterans, all of the people,a great force that we have and they didn't think about having a Veterans Council. 75% in Hingham Massachusetts, 75% of all services for the towns for veterans services is paid, is funded by the state. They have so much money they didn't know what to do with it, they didn't know how to spend it. Give an example of what can happen: The town of Scituate, four active cases that the veterans agent could find to give assistance to is way off. He spent something like $35,000 on four cases. That is way off. They spent $35,000 on something like four cases. They could have a really good time with something like $350,000. Now what does veterans service cover? If you have a spouse of a veteran with a substandard income that can be supplemented, if you need medical attention that can be taken care of, there are lots and lots of things to do.

Massachusetts has some of the best veteran services in the Nation. But let's get the word out there. How does this apply and come back to the Sons of Union Veterans. We are all veterans, we are all humans. You even have a few Sons who are combat veterans. We're going to grow our Organization, let's get involved, let's reach out to all the other veterans. That's what we are all about, that is part of our name, Sons of Union Veterans. So let's reach out to them, extend our hand. We are a small group, we have members in many different states, 15 different states and there may be only 8 or 10 of us that meet once a month, we do our thing. But the thing is you don't have to be a member, you can still support the Graves Registration, you don't have to come to meetings, you can just support it directly or indirectly by mailings or doing things or contributions that you make. Networking can make the other organizations work for you too. So Commander that is some of the activities we are involved with in Scituate Camp 3188. There is a lot of detailed stuff we do one-on-one in the community. As I say that Sons Organization is not for everyone. If we keep working at it the Organization will be around for a long time and continue to grow. Thank you.

Commander George Maple: Are you sure you don't want to be a department officer?

Brother Conley Ford: No, thank you.

Commander George Maple: Brother Norris.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Edward Norris, Camp Commander Camp 25. We meet 10 times a year, at the National Guard building in Worcester on the fourth Monday of the month; in May it's the third Monday, and there is no meeting in July or August. Some of the activities we were involved in the past year we participated in Memorial Day ceremonies at Hope Cemetery, Rowe Cemetery, the Massachusetts National Cemetery, and Cathedral of the Pines. We participated in the signature event in Charlestown, we went to Remembrance Day where we placed flags on the graves of the New England soldiers. We led a discussion of six sessions of Civil War cinema at the Worcester Public Library. We attended Charles (unintelligible) Medal of Honor recipient ceremony. We recruited at the Rutland Heritage Days in Northbridge and Daniel farms in Mendon; we had a couple of members appear in a local TV show Worcester called Soapbox. We participated in the presentation of Colors to the 12th Massachusetts in the 150th anniversary of the Slater guards leaving Worcester. We presented some educational opportunities, some talks on the 51st Massachusetts to the central Massachusetts Civil War Roundtable, Union Civil War battle flags to Camp 61 and Camp 45 in Connecticut, and finally presented the GAR Post 175 to the Lancaster Historical Society. We're sad to report that we had one death in the Camp, Brother Ralph Warner on August 22. He had been a member of our Camp for the past few years having transferred from Camp 18 in Uxbridge. That is my report, thank you.

Commander George Maple: Are there any other Camp Commanders? All right, let's go to unfinished business. Brother Rotando.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Good afternoon, Peter Rotando, Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Last year at the annual Encampment, a vote was taken to retire the last Colors that we had for years in the field and replaced with a new set. Going back historically because most of you probably don't realize the last Colors that we did carry were purchased around 1996. Frank Tucker was the Department Commander at the time. At a meeting it was determined by him the large Colors which were purchased were marching Colors and are larger than the ones we have here, would be held by me, to be made available to the Department when needed and maintained.

The sad thing about it is when they go out of your hands you don't know what happens to these Colors. I think the purchase price was about $1400. I know recently the Department Colors were requested to go to Gettysburg, but the important thing was when they came back the spear on the top was broken again. This happens and I have been storing these for the last 16 years. I have been charged and have maintained and at my own expense time-wise to keep these things flying. Every time there was a request for the colors to go somewhere, they need to go. They mostly are sitting here, that's the truth. The last opportunity I had to use them, two weeks after they came back from Gettysburg and had discovered the spear was broken. It's an example of something easy to break. We have spears on other flags, the question is should we use those in the field.

These flags were purchased because the last flags could not be set up in most of our meeting rooms because they would hit the ceiling. Since the flags have been purchased, six spears have been broken and two Eagles. That doesn't take into account the other repairs. Unfortunately no matter where they go they are going to get damaged. These colors are not as rigid as the ones we have already. These are indoor flags, give them another four or five years of going to Gettysburg and other events you're going to have the same issues. Now for me to go out and make these repairs I have to take three hours of vacation time from my work at $32.33 an hour. You owe me a lot of money, I tell you.

The last event I went to I had to bring our flagpole because it was oversize again I go through the parts of it and the Eagle I repaired last year on our colors only cost us $7.95. Why? Because they were used. We can still fix these things; that is not the problem, but you have to do the work to put together. There is a finial that the spear goes into; if you lose that we can't screw this in and that is where the leather tag for the colors go. I found two more. Over the past year I've got three spears for three bucks each every time I went out there. I took the time to fix these and make sure these Colors are serviceable.

Last time I was out there I talked to the man, he is able to order and size a tip that will probably last two more times. I was able to bring one and it works; then I reused a couple; then I had to buy a new one. Three dollars is cheap money even today, a new Eagle can be $100. I've been doing this for years. The sad thing is to find out that we are going to retire the old ones to Rockland and use these. I think they're nuts. They won't last. For those of you who have had the privilege of marching and carrying those with me at events, you know those colors have made the event. Now if I charged you a bill for all my time going out there for the last 16 years you would owe me over $960. I called Frank Tucker years ago, I don't want that job because I was the uniformed Commander of this Organization, I was just trying to keep things running so rather than see them sit in Rockland and rot I will entertain a motion from anybody in this Encampment these Colors be given to me.

Commander George Maple: Peter is that a motion by you?

Councilman Peter Rotando: I asked for a motion.

Commander George Maple: No, no you don't ask for a motion.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Well I will entertain a motion.

Commander George Maple: No you don't.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Well, whatever you want to do.

Commander George Maple: Peter is that emotion?

Councilman Peter Rotando: I will make it a motion.

Unknown: I'll second that.

Commander George Maple: Is there any discussion?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Peter, I just want to thank you for your time for preparing this. My recollection of what has happened over the last few years, we for two years, last year and the year before that, discussed replacing the old Colors because they had been burnt and not treated well. Now it took two years to get this done and cost $3000 because those Colors were not serviceable. We were told at that time this Encampment was told that those Colors had to be replaced, that was the vote and we can go back into the Minutes if you like. We can go back and look. Those colors needed to be replaced so we had our Color Bearer do research on poles on all of this stuff and we voted $3000 of our treasury to get new flags. Peter should not be repairing this flag; it should be retired; this was the original intent; he is spending his time and money on something that is unnecessary. It should be placed in retirement even though they served us well. It should be placed in retirement in our depot and that was voted on by this Encampment already. What Peter is proposing is that we change our vote and then un-retire them and give them to him. We should have one set of Department Colors that goes with the Department and is at Department events, the SVR is charged with being our military branch and they march with Colors. So they can march with our Department colors when it's a Department of event and with a Camp event they can march with Camp Colors. They can have their own but at the moment they don't have their own, because they march mostly for the Department, not only for the Department but for the Department of New Hampshire, the Department of Vermont, any Camp because the SVR is part of that. What we have now is two different sets of Colors because the other ones were never turned in and retired. Now having to pay for repairs when we spent $3000 to replace, so that we fix them whenever they break again. We should not be using them. We should be using the Department Colors for all of these events. We spent $3000 because the old ones were cut up and they needed to be replaced and we finally did. Now we want to have two sets of Department Colors. I believe the flags are damaged and should be retired and the new Colors should be used. If they should wear out in a few years then we should buy new ones. The ones we had we were told they were not serviceable, now we're being told that they are serviceable. Brother Rotando should most certainly be repaid for the repairs he made to the flags. He should be paid for it but it should stop now because we are now responsible for repairing two sets of flags instead of one. I would vote no on the motion.

Councilman Peter Rotando: I cannot recall making those comments about the flag.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I'm not sure what comments you may have made, I don't think I talked about comments you made.

Councilman Peter Rotando: I don't recall making those comments; they must be somebody else's. I've always made the Colors available; they have been at Encampment and they go to Gettysburg. I have always managed to get them to Feeding Hills, Springfield, the bus, I always have, but then again the same thing is going to happen to these. I suppose the cost will be a lot less to fix.

Commander George Maple: Brother Norris.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Junior Vice. As I heard the motion, the motion was to give Peter the colors. I'd like the motion amended so we understand what that means. Does that mean for personal use, to put in a display case at home. I don't think that's the case but I think the motion should be amended to whatever the action is.

Commander George Maple: Do you care to amend your motion?

Councilman Peter Rotando: Yes, to they are to be carried in the field. We've carried them for 16 years on behalf of this Department in the field; I think that's pretty obvious. Do what you will.

Commander George Maple: Is there any other discussion? Brother Duce.

Brother Jonathan Duce: Jonathan Duce of Camp 25. So we want one set of flags for meetings and the flags Peter is to be responsible for to be taken to the field.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Well. look at the flags....

Brother Jonathan Duce: This is a meeting flag.

Councilman Peter Rotando: This is a meeting flag; actually it looks like a Boy Scout flag. If you take that down to Gettysburg for five or six years, throw it in the back of a bus, or this or that well those tips are going to break. Sooner or later they are going to get worn, if you are using them it's good, they wear, I don't mind fixing them.

Brother Jonathan Duce: But you don't want to fix two sets of flags.

Councilman Peter Rotando: I would think the Department Commander should hold the meeting flags in case someone else needs them like on a weekend or this or that. The whole issue is availability. I want the flags tomorrow or the flags in two days. For those of you who don't plan to go to events it's kind of hard to get it organized to get people to go and have the Colors ready to go not broken or not all there. But look at these, they are pretty but down the road every couple of years you are replacing parts on them. You can't help it, they're not the kind of flags that were made during the Civil War. These are commercial.

Brother Jonathan Duce: So my suggestion for amendment would be a one-year trial. Peter, will it be possible to have a one-year trial with the old flags and these would be our meeting flags?

Commander George Maple: We have had a two-year trial unintentionally.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: In answer to Brother Rotando's suggestion, the person in charge of making sure the Colors of the Department are maintained properly is the Department Color Bearer. It is not like nobody will do it. Somebody has to be responsible for it. The other thing is we are saying these are going to wear out without trying them. So I would suggest to the Commander that the Color Bearer be in charge of making sure the Colors are where they need to be, be it Sturbridge, Gettysburg or whatever, and having the Color Bearer making it his job to make sure they are in serviceable condition. That is why he is appointed and let's see how long

they last. These are not the same Colors that they made in the Civil War and neither are the ones Peter has. They were both made fairly modern, one was made in the 90's and one was made in the 2000's. They can't have much difference in how they were made. I would suggest the Department Colors should stay with the Department Color Bearer and as part of his job he makes sure that they get to where they need to be. The old Department Colors, again, I feel have served their purpose are damaged and should be retired.

Commander George Maple: The part of the Color Bearer getting them where they need to be is part of the Color Bearer's job description anyways. Is there any other discussion?

Brother Conley Ford: Conley Ford, Scituate Camp 3188. My question is you have two flags here; these flags are what I understand are called auditorium flags for meetings like this. They were never intended to be marched in parades. Now the question I have is what is the official flag for parades? I don't know. What is the position of the Sons of Union Veterans, what constitutes an official marching flag? Is it an auditorium flag for indoor use only? If we are taking indoor flags and marching outside, that is going to do damage to the flag. Now the marching flags I have seen don't have the fringe on them. The flags the United States Army uses does not have any fringe on them. They are flags, so which flags are we going to be using, auditorium flags marching in parades or are we going to use the flag of the United States that flies and everything? It sends a confusing message to people in the audience of the parade group walking down there with the gold fringe and all that, an indoor flag. This is a decorative flag, auditorium use only and official meetings. Now what flags do our Reserve use; auditorium flags or the flags of the United States? I say let's use the flag of the United States; they are robust and have been handled in war and stuff like that. Let's use the standard flag that our military services use from day one.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Junior Vice. We have four flags, we have this one, no this is the hotel flag. That is one of our new flags the red flag is one of our new flags and both have fringe. Both of our old flags which are somewhat bigger than these two, also have fringe. So the question is do we use these flags or do we use the other flags that we have or do we use all four. I don't think we need a motion yet to have to purchase another set of flags.

Commander George Maple: Brother Secretary, you want to read what the motion is?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Maybe we should have Brother Peter repeat the motion.

Commander George Maple: Brother Rotando if you could repeat what we were voting on so we will know what a yes or no vote means.

Councilman Peter Rotando: The motion that I made, seeing as though they are going to go to Rockland for storage, and say that I have more money invested and my time into those flags to the tune of $960, that those flags be given to me to be used in the field.

Commander George Maple: So a yes vote means were turning the flags over to you?

Councilman Peter Rotando: Well, why not? Who has better served this Department and events that we know of in all these years? With the help of a lot of good people the burial at Bourne on National tv those Colors were there. It was a smart looking bunch to have on National tv, those Colors were there. Now you are with your dignity going to put them in Rockland; where is your dignity and where is your pride? It's up to you.

(Conference at the head table)

Commander George Maple: That motion is out of order. We cannot turn over Department property to an individual. Brother Borden.

Brother Robert Borden: I would like to propose a friendly amendment. I think...

Commander George Maple: Brother Borden, there is no motion, it was ruled out of order.

Brother Robert Borden: ...that they be placed in Major Rotando's custodianship, not ownership. The other practical question I have is I have had experience in reenactment groups. I believe these fields or spear points, that these eagles can be unscrewed, to me they should not be put on the poles until the event and at the conclusion of the event be taken off to be transported back. Just a practical thought.

Commander George Maple: Proper care. Brother Rotando, would you like to make a new motion?

Unknown: We have a new motion.

Commander George Maple: Do we have a second?

Unknown: Second.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Who made the second?

Brother Paul Brundige: I did.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: What is your name?

Brother Paul Brundige: Paul Brundige, Camp 50.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Thank you.

Commander George Maple: Yes.

Councilman Peter Rotando: I would like to speak on the motion. The hard part is when they are out of your hands, you don't know if how they're going to come back. But taking the bag apart that's when you lose them. Six of one or half-dozen of the other. But it is a good point.

Brother Robert Borden: When they go out do you make the person who receives them sign a receipt. Well, when I was a property clerk with the Army it was called judiciary....

Secretary Kevin Tucker: We can't hear you because you're not at the mike. And then you have to start from the beginning.

Brother Robert Borden: I asked when they go out for an event does Peter make the person who picked them up sign for them. When I was a property clerk in the Army it was called fiduciary responsibility. You take them out in good repair, you are expected to bring them back in good repair. Yeah I know it's more red tape but....

Commander George Maple: Actually all Department possessions that goes between officers is supposed to have receipts given when it goes from officer to officer. Not that I've ever seen it done. Brother Tucker.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I disagree with the motion. I think that the easiest way to do this is to make Brother Rotando the Department Color Bearer, retiring the old Colors and let him be in charge of the new Colors. That way he can care for them and deliver them where he wants. The old Colors should still be retired as was voted on by this Encampment already. Right now we are in contravention of what this Encampment the ultimate body voted on by personal fiat. That is not the way we do things. The smart thing to do would to be to make Brother Rotando the Color Bearer or appoint him the Color Bearer if he's willing to accept it, retire the old the old Colors and use the new Colors proper.

Commander George Maple: Any other.....

Councilman Peter Rotando: Peter Rotando, Camp 25. Realizing that this is Department property, perhaps I should amend my motion to say.....

Secretary Kevin Tucker: You don't have a motion.

Unknown: There is a new motion.

Commander George Maple: Are you trying to amend Bob's motion?

Councilman Peter Rotando: No.

Commander George Maple: Well, that is the only one recognized right now. Is there any other discussion? A yes vote if I'm not mistaken gives Peter custodial care of the old Department Colors. A no, he has to turn them in so they can be brought to Rockland. All those in favor?

Brother Guide, please count. All those against? Motion passed. Brother Mellor.

Brother Perley Mellor: Perley Mellor, Department Counselor. Just one comment with National Colors, Department Colors or Camp Colors. Whenever the National Colors are transported the eagle and the spear are all taken off and shipped separately. This is just a comment, that is all I am making. Department Colors are the same way so they don't get broken, Camp Colors are the same way, separated into two pieces. Put them into separate bags or whatever you have to do but separate them into two pieces so they don't get broken. We can't afford to be maintaining or replacing all these parts. Just a comment.

Commander George Maple: Okay, any unfinished business that doesn't involve flags? Department Council report.

Councilman Perley Mellor: Perley Mellor Department Council. We had nonsufficient funds for the Gettysburg trip I don't have a written report but we can do this. This is the only time we were asked for extra funds to supplement the trip to Gettysburg. Whether we needed them or not, I'm not sure. I don't think we did. I think we maintained within our own budget.

Commander George Maple: We used $95.

Councilman Perley Mellor: It was $95. It wasn't that much; we approved up to $500 to be used. That is the only expenditure we had extra from the Council.

Commander George Maple: Thank you. Brother Tucker, give the resolutions to the Resolutions Committee before we go to break. Okay we're going to have a short break before we get into the budget. At the same time we can have the Resolutions Committee look at the resolutions that we have.

(Three raps of the gavel. Meeting recessed)

Acting Department Commander Conley Ford: Are there any nominations for Department Commander?

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I would like to nominate Brother George Maple.

Acting Department Commander Conley Ford: Brother Maple if you are elected will you serve?

Department Commander George Maple: Yes I will.

Acting Department Commander Conley Ford: Are there any other nominations? One rap of gavel. Are there any other nominations? Rap of gavel Are there any other nominations? One rap of gavel. There being none nominations will be closed. Brother Jonathan Duce- Jonathan Duce Camp 25, I will make a motion that any uncontested positions one ballot be cast from the Department Secretary.

Unknown: I'll second that motion.

Acting Department Commander Conley Ford: The motion is made and seconded that one ballot be cast for any uncontested positions by the Department Secretary. Any discussion? There being none, those who favor this mode signify by saying I. Those that are opposed. The motion has been carried.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: That means the Department Secretary will cast one vote George Maple.

(Commander George Maple relieves Acting Department Commander Conley Ford.)

Commander George Maple: Are there any nominations for Senior Vice Commander?

Counselor Perley Mellor: Perley Miller Department Counselor and Council. I nominate Edward Norris for Senior Vice Commander.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander George Maple: Will you serve if elected?

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Yes, if elected.

Commander George Maple: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? There being none nominations are closed for the office of Senior Vice Commander. Congratulations Ed. Okay, nominations for Junior Vice Commander.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Department Secretary. I would like to nominate Dexter Bishop for Junior Vice Commander. All of you have heard or have seen the exceptional work he has done with the Soldiers Home and the exceptional work he has done in the city of Lynn. Dexter is a deacon in the Baptist Church in Lynn Massachusetts and is a former criminal investigator for the Department of Revenue. He is on the finance committee of the American Baptist Association of Massachusetts, he is the chairperson sorry. In fact he does a great job in whatever he tackles and use a lot of time to this and to the roundtable that he is president of in Lynn, the North Shore roundtable. I think he would make a great asset to the Department; therefore I placed in nomination Dexter Bishop for the Junior Vice Commander.

Unknown: I'll second the nomination.

Commander George Maple: Dexter will you serve if elected?

Brother Dexter Bishop: Yes I will.

Commander George Maple: Are there any other nominations?

Councilman Perley Mellor: Counselor Perley Mellor and Council member, I would like to nominate Brother Steve Twining for Department Junior Vice.

Unknown: I'll second that.

Commander George Maple: Brother Twining would you serve elected?

Brother Steve Twining: Yes Commander.

Commander George Maple: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations for Junior Vice Commander are closed. We're going to need a final report from Credentials before we get to the vote.

Brother Steve Twining: Steve Twining Credentials Committee. We have 25 voting members. We have one alternate who is an extra and he knows who he is.

Commander George Maple: Do you have the ballots?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I'm ready when you are.

Junior Vice Cmdr. Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice, earlier today we had 28, and as far as I know we had one leave so I don't how he got the 25.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Maybe we should call for a roll call.

Commander George Maple: Brother Twining, please do a roll call.

Brother Steve Twining: Benjamin Duce, Jonathan Duce, Bruce Stone, John Beaupré, Peter Rotando, Edward Norris, Perley Mellor, George Maple, Chip Chambers, Roy Henry, Dexter Bishop, Daniel Murray, Kenneth London, Kevin Tucker, George Rutter, Edward Kelly, Timothy Callahan, Richard Nichols, Conley Ford, Al Bonney, John Bates, Steve Twining, Paul Brundage, Robert Borden. (All answered in the affirmative) Those are all of the cards that I have.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Is there anybody's name who was not called? So Michael is the only one who cannot vote? Richard Lufkin can't vote. Do you have that Roy, don't give a ballot to Michael or Richard. (Ballots passed out, collected, and counted)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Peter Rotando Election Committee. Commander the voting for Junior Vice Commander is Dexter Bishop 14, Steve Twining nine.

Commander George Maple: Any nominations for Department Secretary?

Junior Vice Cmdr. Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice, I would like to nominate one of our Past Department Commanders Kevin Tucker.

Commander George Maple: Would you serve elected?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Yes.

Commander George Maple: Are there any other nominations?

Brother Richard Lufkin: I would like to nominate Steve Twining.

Commander George Maple: Brother Twining?

Brother Steve Twining: Brother Lufkin is an alternate and he doesn't have voting rights.

Commander George Maple: He can make a nomination though. He just can't vote. Brother Twining would you serve if elected?

Brother Steve Twining: What was I nominated for?

Commander George Maple: Brother Lufkin nominated you for Department Secretary.

Brother Steve Twining: I decline.

Commander George Maple: You can stop tearing ballots. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations for the office of Department Secretary closed. Brother Tucker congratulations. Are there any nominations for Department Treasurer?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I would like to nominate Brother Dan Murray. He is our current Department Treasurer Past Department Commander for the Department of New Hampshire, past Department Secretary, always does a great job.

Commander George Maple: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed for the office of Department Treasurer. Congratulations Brother Murray.

Commander George Maple: Are there any nominations for Department Council?

Councilman Perley Mellor: Perley Mellor Department Council, I nominate Peter Rotando for Department Council.

Commander George Maple: Brother Rotando would you serve if elected?

Brother Peter Rotando: Yes I would Commander.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Who was a second?

Commander George Maple: It was Robert Borden. Are there any other nominations?

Eagle Scout Award Officer Timothy Callahan: Timothy Callahan Camp Commander 104. I nominate Robert Borden for Council.

Unknown: I second.

Commander George Maple: Brother Borden would you serve if elected?

Brother Robert Borden: Yes sir.

Commander George Maple: Are there any other nominations?

Councilman Peter Rotando: Peter Rotando Camp 25, I placed in nomination for Council Brother Stephen Twining.

Unknown: I'll second that.

Commander George Maple: Brother Twining would you service if elected?

Brother Stephen Twining: Yes I would.

Commander George Maple: Are there any other nominations?

Councilman Perley Mellor: Brother Mellor Department Council, I nominate John Bates for Department Council.

Unknown:I'll second that.

Commander George Maple: Brother Bates would you serve on the Council if elected?

Brother John Bates: Yes Commander.

Commander George Maple: Are there any other nominations?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I'd like to nominate Conley Ford for Department Council. He won the new camp of the year award two years ago, he had the most increase in membership, these active with both Scituate and Hingham doing Civil War events especially Memorial Day, Fourth of July they do events all year long. He has taken a camp from nothing then turned it into one of our most active camps. This is a reflection of his leadership in the time that he has been there. It will be great for this department to have somebody from a camp that has served on the Department Council to be a member, so again Conley Ford.

Unknown: I'll second.

Commander George Maple: Brother Ford would you serve if elected?

Brother Conley Ford: Only 365 days a year.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Doing a second? Who seconded that?

Commander George Maple: Brother Chambers. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed for Department Council.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Make sure you tell them they can only vote for three.

Commander George Maple: You can only vote for three. Secretary read the list.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: You can only vote for three. The list is Peter Rotando, Bob Borden, Stephen Twining, Conley Ford, and John Bates. So Bates, Ford, Twining, Rotando, and Borden. Three only. You can only write somebody's name once, you need to vote for three.

Commander George Maple: Brother Mellor if you could do the count. Brother Duce, would you do the count would Brothers Mellor.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Anybody that didn't get a ballot? Anybody get more than one? Again it's Bates, Ford, Twining, Rotando and Borden.

(Ballots passed out, collected and counted)

Secretary Kevin Tucker: All set?

Brother Jonathan Duce: Do you want the vote count of all of them in any particular order?

Commander George Maple: Yes, in order of how many votes they got.

Brother Jonathan Duce: Jonathan Duce, Camp 25. I counted the Council member ballots with Perley Mellor. We have 15 votes for Brother Rotando, we have 15 votes for Conley Ford, we have 13 votes for John Bates. The rest of the votes were 12 for Borden and 9 for Steve Twining.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: So it's going to be Peter Rotando, Conley Ford, and John Bates.

Commander George Maple: So congratulations to Brother Rotando, Brother Ford, and Brother Bates. I would like the report of that Resolution Committee.

Brother John Bates: Brothers the Resolution Committee considered two resolutions. The committee consists of Conley, myself, and Brother Stuart Chambers. There are basically two of them, one of them has pretty much already been brought up but I will read it very quickly, just the top line. The resolution is support of Brother Kevin P Tucker for election to the National Council of Administration at the 2012 National Encampment in Los Angeles California. The committee highly recommends that we endorse this recommendation and to do so unanimously if we can. The other motion uh the other resolution is for the Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts to pass a resolution at this encampment supporting Brother Perley E Mellor for

the position of National Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles California to take place this year. We strongly endorse both of these resolutions and we further make a recommendation and that recommendation be that this Department place an advertisement in the National Encampment magazine endorsing both of these brothers for their respective offices and also that this information be forwarded electronically to the National Banner and published in the National Banner. That would be our recommendation to this body.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: You have to read the whole thing.

Brother John Bates: I have to read the whole thing?

Commander George Maple: You have to read the whole resolution.

Brother John Bates: I will if you want me to. Okay.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Do Perley's first.

Brother John Bates: The Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts hereby pass a resolution at their 2012 Department Encampment supporting Brother Perley E Mellor for the position of National Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles California. Whereas Perley E Mellor has successfully served as Senior Vice Commander in Chief for the eight months and during that time had successfully carried out the duties of his office and of all tasks assigned to him in a professional manner and is ready to administer his duties at the next level. Whereas life member for Perley E Mellor having distinguishably served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the last 52 years in the following ways, Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Junior Vice Commander in Chief, National Council of Administration three year office, National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, member of the Civil War Memorials Grant Committee at the national level, assistant to Past Commander in Chief Danny Wheeler in administering the ROTC and Junior ROTC program Department Commander in Massachusetts for three terms, current Department Council, Camp Commander Camp 25 two terms in office, current Camp 25 Council, New England Regional Association Commander for one term, member of the 2008 National Encampment Committee, and having served at numerous offices at the Camp and Department level. Whereas Brother Mellor is the great-grandson of Sgt. Clark W James Company K 21st Connecticut infantry and comrade of George H Ward Post 10 GAR Worcester Post, Pvt. William H Mellor Company H 34th regiment of infantry Massachusetts and comrade of George H Ward Post 10 GAR Worcester, and Pvt. Andrew Lucia Company D 13th Vermont Regiment. Whereas Brother Mellor's father Clark W Mellor was Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the year 1988 and his mother Elizabeth Mellor was a life member the Passed Department Pres. of Massachusetts of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and a Sister of the Women's Relief Corp, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife Diane currently serves as the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as National Council and Department President of the Department of Massachusetts. She has previously served as National Chief of Staff and President of Willie Grout Auxiliary 25 and his daughters are officers of Willie Grout Auxiliary 25 in the Department of Massachusetts and his

grandparents were active members and past officers in the Department of Massachusetts. Whereas he is serving the community in such organizations as member of the New Hampshire Civil War Roundtable, member of the Civil War trust, member of the friends of Gettysburg, member of the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania, United States Air Force having retired in 1984 after 20 years of active duty member of the American Legion Post number 48 in New Hampshire life member of the Disabled American Veterans Swampscott Post number 13, recording Sec. for the New Hampshire chapter of the ASIS international for four years, and a member for 20 years, assisted with Girl Scouts for 11 years, and retired from BAE systems also known as Lockheed and Sanders company. Now therefore the Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts hereby resolve their support for the election of Brother Perley E Mellor for the position of National Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 2012 Annual National Encampment in Los Angeles California, and we solicit support for his candidacy

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I make a motion of the resolution be adopted as read.

Unknown: I'll second.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion? Brother Chambers.

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers Camp 25, also Department Patriotic Instructor. My understanding is in order to be able to advertise in the National Encampment brochure there is a fee, so I would like to make a motion...

Secretary Kevin Tucker: We already have a motion on the floor.

Commander George Maple: Any other discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? The motion carries. Brother Chambers.

Brother Stuart Chambers: To continue I recommend that the Department of Massachusetts vote on having the funds set aside to put that advertisement in the National Encampment brochure in both cases. Do I have to do that individually?

Commander George Maple: You have to do that as a motion.

Brother Stuart Chambers: As a motion then.

Unknown: I'll second.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Will that be part of this year's budget or next year's budget? If it's next year's budget that will have to hold off on this until later. I would suggest you table the motion until we get into the budget process.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice I know we have the money in the budget that we have until midnight to write a check and I think if we did this year's budget we would have it. And for those who don't know a full-page ad is $40. So be $80 total.

Commander George Maple: Any other discussion?

Councilman Peter Rotando: Peter Rotando Camp 25, I suggest we passed that today and get it taking care of. Thank you

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice I'd like to make a friendly amendment that that would place an ad for both Perley and Kevin in the thing so we only have to take one vote.

Commander George Maple: Would you accept that friendly amendment?

Brother Stuart Chambers: Yes I would.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: My resolution has been passed yet.

Unknown: Motion be tabled until this Encampment approves Brother Tucker's nomination.

Commander George Maple: So we will table this motion.

Brother John Bates: Right now I'd like to read the second resolution. The resolution committee unanimously provides that we should endorse this. A Resolution in support of Kevin P Tucker for election to the National Council of Administration at the 2012 National Encampment. Whereas Brother Kevin P Tucker PDC is a direct descendent of Private Charles E Elwell of Company H 11th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry a member of the Sons of Union Veterans for over 15 years. He is active at all levels of the organization and regularly performs Graves registration, monument assessments, organize and participate in memorial services and historical programs. He also marches in parades and volunteers in the name of the organization at our local soldiers home and whereas Brother Tucker service to the order currently includes Sec. of the Department of Massachusetts, Treas. of Charles H Bond 104, Patriotic Instructor of Gen. Frederick Lander Camp 5, aide to the National Civil War Memorial committee and whereas Brother Tucker has served the order as Department Commander for two terms, National Civil War Memorial Officer for three terms, Chairman of the 2008 National Encampment Host Committee, charter member of General Frederick W Lander Camp 5, Camp Commander of Charles H Bond Camp 104 and organizer of the Charlestown Massachusetts Sesquicentennial signature event in 2011 and whereas Brother Tucker also served in every elected office for the Department of Massachusetts except Treas. and has served in every elected camp office and whereas Brother Tucker has served in the United States Air Force for four years enlisting in 1977 at the age of 17 and served as a crew chief on F-4D aircraft with the 4/74 tactical fighter wing at Ellis Air Force Base Nevada in 1978 to 1981 and attained the rank of sergeant before being honorably discharged at the end of his enlistment and whereas Brother Tucker is held a broad range of managerial positions in his professional career is settled in the informational technology fields for the last 15 years. He is currently employed as a network manager for a large

commercial real estate investment company based in Boston and whereas Brother Tucker brings a record of innovation and commitment to the order along with exceptional organizational skills and judgment and would be a great asset to the National Council of Administration and to the Order. The Department of Massachusetts meeting in encampment at Marlborough Massachusetts hereby resolves their support for the election of Brother Kevin P Tucker to the National Council of Administration at the 2012 National Encampment in Los Angeles California and urges all brothers of the order to do the same. Adopted this 31st day of March 2012.

Junior Vice Cmdr. Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice I make a motion that we accept the resolution as read.

Unknown: I'll second.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries.

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: As I reiterate I would also like to have an ad placed in for Brother Tucker as well.

Commander George Maple: In the form of a motion?

Brother Stuart Chambers: In the form of a motion.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion? All of those in favor of putting ads in for both Brother Mellor and Brother Tucker? Any opposed? Motion carries. Are there any nominations for Delegates to National Encampment?

Brother Stuart Chambers: I'd like to nominate Brother Ed Norris is a delegate to the encampment.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander George Maple: Would you serve?

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Yes I would.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I'd like to nominate every Brother in good standing in the Department as an Alternate until it is determined who is able to go to the National Encampment, at which time the Department Commander could appoint the final Delegates.

Councilman Perley Mellor: I think you have to place names of the election forms.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Maybe we could get a show of hands on who is planning to attend the National Encampment.

Commander George Maple: Who's planning on going to the National?

National Councilman William Viera: How many delegates are you entitled?

Secretary. Kevin Tucker: I believe it's 12.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Edward Norris Junior Vice Commander can I make a group nomination? I nominate Conley Ford for delegate.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander George Maple: Would you serve?

Brother Conley Ford: I will be there.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I'd like to nominate Steve Twining as a delegate.

Commander George Maple: Would you accept Steve?

Brother Steve Twining: Yes.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I'd like to nominate Ken London as a delegate.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander George Maple: Would you accept Ken?

Brother Ken London: Yes.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I'd like to nominate Tim Callahan is a delegate.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander George Maple: Would you accept Tim?

Eagle Scout Coordinator Timothy Callahan: Yes.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I'll nominate Dexter Bishop is a delegate.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander George Maple: Do you accept?

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I'll nominate Chip Chambers as a delegate.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Second.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I'll nominate and Kelly as a delegate.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander George Maple: Do you accept Ed?

Brother Edward Kelly: Yes.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I'll nominate Bruce Stone as delegate.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander George Maple: Do you accept Bruce?

Brother Bruce Stone: Yes.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I would like to nominate John Dupree as a delegate

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander George Maple: Do you accept John?

Brother John Dupree: Yes.

Junior Vice Cmdr. Edward Norris: Is that all?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: That's all.

Commander George Maple: Nominations are closed.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I'd like to nominate all Brothers in good standing as Alternates to take the place of any Brothers who are unable to attend.

Unknown: Second.

Commander George Maple: Brother Mellor.

Councilman Perley Mellor: I'd like to make a friendly amendment to that, a Brother in good standing as of today. A Brother that would come in tomorrow could not be delegate.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I agree. I do accept that amendment.

Commander George Maple: Thank you. I close the nominations. Congratulations.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Commander the ladies were waiting outside.

Commander George Maple: Again?

Councilman Peter Rotando: They went home.

Commander George Maple: How long were they there?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: During the election you cannot open the door.

Commander George Maple: Brother Norris.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice Commander. I would like to make a motion that we donate all of our T-shirts that are not sold today and 100 medals from the National Encampment both the special one and the regular one to the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries. Because the Council have a budget to pass out to anyone?

Councilman Perley Mellor: Yes I do.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Go right ahead.

Commander George Maple: Let the fun begin. Brother Borden.

Brother Robert Borden: Bob Borden Camp 50. My Camp Commander is supposed to be at a meeting at 4:30 PM in East Bridgewater, which means we need to excuse ourselves, and I need to retrieve the Camp banner. We leave with apologies.

Commander George Maple: Go right ahead.

Brother Robert Borden: Thank you sir.

Commander George Maple: Brother Mellor are you going to be reading it off line by line?

Councilman Perley Mellor: I am going to do it line by line.

Commander George Maple: Brother Bates.

Councilman John Bates: John Bates Past Department Commander. Before the Council begins on the budget I would like to put forth a motion to this floor for a line item to be added. I would like to add a line budget item to this budget that is not on here right now.

Commander George Maple: I think you can add that at the end.

Councilman John Bates: Okay.

Councilman Perley Mellor: Perley Mellor, Peter Rotando and Dexter Bishop Department Council. The papers we are handing out to you might be a little easier to work with. The normal budget is right here, which is the officers meeting budget that was given out of the officers meeting, which has it broken down by line numbers and everything else. I am going to go through it line by line and the first one is Department battle flag replicas. We have not spent anything and we budgeted $1500 last year, we still have $1500 left, proposed is $1500 and leave it the same. How you work this? There's no objections to legal under the next one?

Commander George Maple: Are there any objections to that?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: So you would just gavel it through.

Commander George Maple: (one rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: I am going down to line 6 is what looks like on paper, Department Sesquicentennial events $613.18 spent last year. This is as of last, we have spent more since then but I do not have those figures available to me right now. I would say somewhere around a thousand dollars of the $1500 was spent over and above what we have here bringing the Department officers meeting and today. Line 6 is Department Sesquicentennial events, spent $613.18, out of a budget of a thousand dollars we have $386.82 left, proposed $2500 that's a plus of $1500 over the budget this year.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior vice commander earlier we heard that the we had projected income of $20,200, the proposed budget as we have it is $6820 over that proposed amount coming in. I was wondering how much we had in the checking account.

Treasurer Daniel Murray: probably after today about $14,000 roughly.

Junior Place Commander Edward Norris: All right thank you.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion on the line item? (One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: As a side note the Department Treas. has recommended level funding. Just so everyone knows level funding is to keep it as it was last year that $22,645. That was his recommendation I'm just letting you know that. Item seven, Department colors maintenance and equipment, spent nothing, $200 in the budget, $200 left. Proposed $500, that's an increase of $300.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice Commander, I make a motion that we cut this down to $200.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Does anyone second the motion?

Unknown: I will

Commander George Maple: All those in favor of $200 for Department colors and maintenance? Opposed? Motion passes.

Councilman Perley Mellor: Item 8, Department depot rent and expenses, spent 1000, budget in $1000, proposed $1000 to keep it the same.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Item 9, Department encampment expenses, spent $490.90, budgeted $1250 difference $759.10, proposed $1250. Leave it the same.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion? Brother Norris.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice Commander, according to this we still have $759.10 and our encampment ends today how much do we have left in the budget for this?

Treasurer Daniel Murray: I think we are in the hole for this line item. Department encampment expenses we are - $53.57.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Do we have any outstanding bills?

Treasurer Daniel Murray: I don't know how much more will be coming in, as I haven't seen all of the bills for today.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I just want to know that we're not going to have another Department encampment during the next fiscal year. We typically meet in April so we won't have one next year at all, we will have deposits but I don't know how much we will have, I don't know if we need, maybe just keep this in $1250.

Treasurer Daniel Murray: Just to be fair, in this fiscal year we're funding two Department encampments and that is why we are in the hole already. Normally we have one encampment a year and we fund for one a year. Last year our encampment was in April and our fiscal year starts 1 April to the following March 31. Today is 31 March so we are funding two encampments out of this budget. That is the only reason we're in the will hole right now.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion? (One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Item 10 Department miscellaneous expense fund, we spent $138.79 out of $500, we have $321.61 left, we leave it the same at $500.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Department newsletter expense is zero dollars, zero dollars, zero dollars, zero dollars. Leave it the same.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Department Officers meetings, we spent $389.99 out of $1000, which leaves $610.01. Leave at the same at a thousand.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Department Officers bond we didn't spend anything this year $250 budgeted $250 left, leave it at $250.

Treasure Daniel Murray: We did spend it, $235.

Councilman Perley Mellor: I didn't have it on my sheet. So $235 was spent and we have $15 left, so leave it at $250. Any questions?

Commander George Maple: Any discussion? (One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Department Officers travel, this one is going to be a little bit different. The last Department officers meeting, I was not there myself but this is what was described to me was to put it $1500 package together for all Department officers and eliminate the $250 for Department chaplain, the Department commander put him at $250, as you can see he's spent $904 and he more than likely spent more than that, the Department JVC $295 put him at zero dollars, Department SVC spent zero dollars leave it at zero dollars, Department Sec. spent $250, leave him at zero dollars, Department Treas. spent zero dollars, leave him at zero dollars. My recommendation is that the Department commander by regulation is required to visit every camp in the state, just by traveling along the roads and wherever else he has to go from Springfield to Scituate and a lot of distances in between I would recommend leaving his, leaving the Department commander's at $1100.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Is that a motion?

Councilman Perley Mellor: Yes it is.

Unknown : Second.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: The reason I would change this, it's a little confusing, national travel was included with Department travel so where before all of the officers in the Department were getting $500 the commander was getting $1100. We change that if you look a little further on in

the budget there will be a national travel account. What we did was we broke it into two parts, a total package and Department officers travel to Department officers can submit their receipts out of the one fund instead of instead of each because what happens if one of the other officers spends more than everything and one spends almost nothing you can use that money again without going to the Department Council. So they made a lump sum for all Department officers to work off of and what you see at the bottom is the $1750. For the Department commander at $250 is really just mileage and whatever within the state. The rest of the travel will be later on the travel to national and all the other things to attend so that's why we did it that way, it's just trying to correct the way the budget was written. Before all the travel was combined into one so now it is separating national travel from in-state travel.

Commander George Maple: Is there any further discussion?

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice Commander, maybe I missed something but we have two different lines. On 14 we have the proposed budget as $1500 and on line 21 we have a proposed budget of $1750.

Treasurer Daniel Murray: It is two things the Department commander is $250 in the officers is $1500 for a combined amount of $1750.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: All right. So the $1750 total is the commander and the officers.

Councilman Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Department Council, so I was at that meeting and I concurred with the way they work this budget out in the in-state mileage of $250.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Perley, you still want the motion for $1100?

Councilman Perley Mellor: No, I rescind by motion. So now we are back to here again. Department Officers' travel expenses $1500.

Commander George Maple: Do the bottom line.

Councilman Perley Mellor: Department officers travel $1500, Department commander's travel $250 for a total of $1750. That's a decrease of $1100.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion? Brother Ford.

Brother Conley Ford: Regarding line item 15 through 20, this is the heart and soul of our organization. These are the people doing the work this travel with its ground transportation air transportation or whatever. Where saying the commander is required to make one visit each to a camp every year, I can see some cases where you have to go maybe two or three times a year to a different camp, so there's multiple visits not just one visit. So we need to consider that factor in, of course if there is a special occasion or event the Commander is invited to, somebody has to pick up the tab, if it's not covered in the budget I can't make the visit it's too expensive so we don't want to encourage that, now what I am saying is that with the increases were having in

expenses such as gasoline and food expenses, with lodging expenses my concern is are we adequately funding this activity. In my opinion we have been underfunding this activity for a long time. When you underfund something like that you do not get results. So what I am saying is that we ought to take a look at these things and rather than trying to cut something we might want to take a look any better way to spend this money. Rather than run a surplus in our checking account and carrying stuff over from year to year. Let's put the money will you get the biggest bang for our buck, so that the numbers that I see here today are simply understated.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Peter Rotando Department Council, I hear Brother Conley Ford but I think this was hashed out at the Officers Meeting, and if they are satisfied with the way this budget is and I believe this is the outcome of that meeting. We can address these issues again next year's budget otherwise will be here for three hours discussing this.

Commander George Maple: Was there a motion here to change some of these figures?

Brother Conley Ford: No motion, just the point of discussion.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion? (One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Department Secretaries' office supplies. Spent $61.83 and there was $500 in the budget, left $438.17. Leave it the same.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I make a motion that we cut this line down to $200.(Some background talk) I withdraw my motion.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: The discussion in the background was that we need to do two proceedings this year. That's why this budget is so big. So we will need the funds for next year.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Line item 23, annual CPA expenses spent zero there's $2000 in the budget. I just heard a comment that the report is done and the $2000 is going to go. Leave it the same at $2000.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Department Treas.'s office expenses $317.05 spent, $350 in the budget $32.95 left leave it at $350.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Tax form preparation spent $500, budget $500, zero dollars left, leave it at $500.

Commander George Maple: Discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Department website hosting fee, we spent $110.54, budgeted $250, $139.46 left, leave it at $250.

Commander George Maple: Discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Purchase of flag holders, $1500 spent, $1500 budgeted, difference is zero, proposed $1800, an increase of $300.

Commander George Maple: Discussion?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: The reason we increase the flag holder account by $300 is that Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield, we just finished this past year putting flag holders on every Civil War grave in the cemetery, a few months later 61 of them were missing. There has been a police report written, we talked to the cemetery people, unfortunately no one will put those back we have to. It is 61 grave markers that is why it is $300, that is about what it comes out to. Since nobody else will fund it, we need to and I hope everybody agrees. Once that cemetery is fixed we are planning an event with the town of Wakefield, to turn over all the records. It is three years' worth of work by camp 104, the Civil War memorials officer and the Civil War memorials committee. It will be a great event that obviously would have 61 markers missing from the event so we increased it up 300 to make up for those.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Line item 28, Chelsea Soldier's Home, spent $1728.71 out of $1750 left $21.29, proposed $1750, leave it the same.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Eagle Scout awards, $195.91 spent, $250 budgeted, $54.09 left, $300 proposed, that is an increase of $50.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion? Brother Callahan.

Eagle Scout Award Officer Timothy Callahan: I know I have an extra $50 which is great because a year ago we gave out 80 awards and all of the components of that including postage and we've given out. I've been driving more and I'm not asking you to consider it this time but Brother Carter and I have been assisting each other both ROTC and Eagle Scout and I know this year were giving out less commendations but like the rest of us the transportation expense is getting there.

Commander George Maple: Brother Callahan I don't know if you were at that last officers meeting but Brother Carter and.....

Eagle Scout Award Officer Timothy Callahan: I am sorry but he is the ROTC officer ....

Commander George Maple: Both the ROTC and Eagle Scout officer get part of that officers travel expense and you are a Department officer. Any further discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: NERA expense, spent zero, budget zero, differences zero proposed 500. That is a $500 increase.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion? Brother Tucker

Secretary Kevin Tucker: The reason we have the NERA expense is this year it will be our turn to host a meeting. Last year we didn't have to so that's why the budget was zero. Usually there is some kind of costs associated with the meals and the meeting rooms for that meeting.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion? (One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Good of the order, spent $79.95, $120 budgeted, $40.05 left, proposed $120, leave it the same.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion? (One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Recruitment, spent $37.50, $250 budget, $212.50 left, $250 proposed, leave it the same.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion? (One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: ROTC awards, $154.01 spent, $20.99 left, budget budget hundred $175, proposed budget $200, an increase of $25.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion? (One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Stone placement, zero dollars spent, budgeted $250, difference is $250 left, proposed $250, and leave it the same.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice Commander, we've had this for at least six years and we have not spent a penny out of it. I propose we do away with this.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion? Yes Brother Twining.

Brother Steve Twining: Steve Twining Camp 61 and Graves Registration Officer. I am against the motion and the reason I am against it is I have some things coming up for unmarked veterans Graves in the Catholic cemetery and Fitchburg and they charge $150 to put in whether they are government or not. We have been lucky, my own experiences graves registration Ofc. with most of the city or town owned cemeteries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will put those stones in for free. If those were the only cemeteries we had to deal with that would be fine. But I

have it least one coming up in a Catholic cemetery for an unmarked grave, and there may be more. So I would like to see that money stay.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I withdraw my motion.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion? (One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Lincoln brunch expenses, $244.09 spent, $500 budgeted, $255.91 left, leave it at $500.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: National Encampment travel, we spent $2454.50, we had a budget of $2700, $245.50 left, the proposed budget is $5000, that is an increase of $2300.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice Commander, I am not opposed that amount, what I would like to see is that we cap It at a per person amount. The right now is likely have maybe six or seven going to national so I think that it should be capped at $350 per person. I make a motion that we cap it at $350 per person.

Commander George Maple: Do I have a second on that?

Treasurer Daniel Murray: I'll second that.

Commander George Maple: Discussion?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I don't disagree with Ed except for this year we are in Los Angeles California as opposed to being a little closer. The airfares are going to be a little bit more. Probably the best we're going to be able to do is a little bit over $300, maybe $330 but as much as $350 with respect to fuel and everything else, so in that number is first the is the commander and some of the officers that had travel budgets before, that was put into that number first, as the $1750 the top it would increase this just a little bit for Los Angeles because it's going to be more expensive to be on the other side of the country. I would make a friendly amendment that we change it to a cap of $500 per member. Now if we get a full boat then everyone is going to just have to suffer. But I would make a friendly amendment to make that a $500 cap per member.

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: I accept that.

Unknown: Second.

Commander George Maple: We have a motion on the floor to cap National encampment travel to $500 per delegate or attendee. All those in favor? Opposed? (One rap of gavel motion pass) Any discussion on the line item? (One rap of gavel)

Councilman Perley Mellor: Last item, Remembrance Day trip. Spent $2000, budgeted $2000, nothing left, proposed 2500 an increase of 500.

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?(One rap of gavel)

Councilman John Bates: John Bates Department Council I would like to make a motion on the floor that we add a line item to this budget that is not there and I'll explain. Line item 38, as you know for the first time a quarter of a century we are going to have a Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Massachusetts and after the annual encampment in Los Angeles there'll be a testimonial for incoming Commander-in-Chief, I believe in the fall sometime. I would like to make a motion that on Columbus Day 2012 and I would like to make a motion that this Department contribute an amount of money $800 a testimonial. I think it is well worth it is early is our first commander-in-chief in 25 years and I would highly recommend that

Unknown: I'll second that

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I have a question for the brother, how did you arrive at $800?

Councilman John Bates: I went back and forth with the Department Junior Vice Commander several other people and in the amount of the expense for the testimonial runs into the thousands and this is a contribution on our part.

Commander George Maple: Brother Chambers.

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers Department Patriotic Instructor. This was discussed with me earlier today in the original amount was $1000 even, with the hope of $800 and if they would go for the $1000, my understanding this is going to be a $3000 event as it has been stated before it has been 25 years since we had someone from Massachusetts represent all of us. So as a friendly amendment I would like to raise the amount another $200.

Commander George Maple: Would you accept a friendly amendment?

Councilman John Bates: Yes

Commander George Maple: And who made the second? Would you accept the extra $200?

Unknown: Yes

Commander George Maple: Brother Conley Ford

Brother Conley Ford: I think second that motion I was probably the second one to second it, but I think $1000 is really not enough for this testimonial and I think $800 is totally inadequate and as I say we got, were making history here folks in Massachusetts and especially the Sons of Union Veterans by having a son of the National Commander in the new national commander. It

is only benefiting that we vote the $1000 for this testimonial event on Columbus Day. Thank you.

Commander George Maple: Brother Bishop

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: I would support the $1000, I would urge you all to vote for that. It's going to be here and I'm sure it will be the grand time been so let's do it and do it up right.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? (One rap of gavel)

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice Commander, we heard earlier today that we had 14,000 extra in the general fund. We have an income based on a projection $20,200 we are overspending By $7520 I would like to make a motion that we move $3500 and to the permanent fund for the purpose of purchasing more stocks so we can increase the annual income.

Commander George Maple: Do I hear second?

Treasurer Daniel Murray: Second

Commander George Maple: Any discussion?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I disagree with the motion. We have in the past what put money into the permanent fund and what ends up happening is right now we get liquidity of about $6000 if we put $3500 into that we lose that liquidity and if we have an emergency we can't use it anymore in fact even if there's not an emergency we can't spend anymore because it goes into the permanent fund. Right now the return of that money is so low I just don't think it's worth sacrificing that liquidity to get whatever principal what percentage of whatever it's going to be on the basis of the whole permanent fund. We are talking a few more dollars a year. There is a lot of money in there, why save it for our old age. We come under budget every year but saying on to some of that money for liquidity and something may come up or we need that and we're not going to be able to get it because it is gone off to the permanent fund. When you say permanent fund it is permanent we can't by our own bylaws get at that money again it doesn't come back. I think that I would vote against turning that money into the permanent fund.

Commander George Maple: Further discussion?

Junior Vice Commander Edward Norris: Ed Norris Junior Vice Commander the reason we have $20,200 in projected income is because we invested in the permanent fund. If we had not been investing in the permanent fund we wouldn't have any of this. If we go spending this again next year and we're going to be forced to spend at the permanent fund return rate because we won't have a surplus. I think it would be wise to invest now to get that $20,200 up so maybe next year we get a little bit more. Hopefully it will increase a little bit each year. That's all.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: Just one more time, my argument would be you have $3500 to use

over the next two years or you invest it and you have an extra $200 a year to use over the next two years. It's a small amount it makes sense to me for us to hang on to it, I assume we will under spend our budget again it will have more money and we can keep that kind of bumper and we can turns more money over to the permanent fund. I just figure it is too tight to turn that money over into the permanent fund. We need a bigger buffer.

Treasurer Daniel Murray: Just a point on this, if we take the $3500 and put it into the permanent fund, you can't dip into the permanent fund. It would take you at least a year to dip into the permanent fund because you have to change your own bylaws to get in there. Right now the bylaws read once it is put into the permanent fund it is written in stone. The only way to do it is to change your bylaws, and it takes a year to change the bylaws. So it's whatever you decide you want to go.

Brother Conley Ford: Conley Ford Camp 3188, liquidity is absolutely important in an organization like this. For example I look at item 32, recruitment. We spent $37.50, why do we only spent $37.50? We did no outreach programs, we had the monies but we were not proactive to recruit. We did not spend the money to get new membership. We have the liquidity if we had campaigns and programs, we've got access whether we have the program or not we have the funds if we decide to do that. That is the flexibility in growing an organization so liquidity is important to have that on the books. Say we wanted to have a fundraiser, in other words let's increase our revenue, but not depend on two or 2 1/2% return on investments. Let's be proactive, proactive in recruiting, proactive with your monies, you have to have seed money to create money. So I think liquidity is the more that we have now, the $3500 if we had in reserve would be great. The only other thing I wish to say is that I support Brother Tucker's statement.

Commander George Maple: Just a correction there Brother Ford there was $150 spent in recruitment.

Brother Conley Ford: but even though $150, if I asked the question here today how much your membership grow to that in 2011 and 2012, that can sometimes be very embarrassing to an organization. How many people did we lose? So we better get our act together, we've got to be proactive, we've got to get the funds to be proactive. We have to have our leaders out their doing their jobs making the calls making the visits and it cannot be a funding issue.

Commander George Maple: Brother Chambers

Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers Departments Patriotic Instructor, regarding the line item the Brother Ford had mentioned, I've been doing recruiting all over the state and it is not only for Camp 25 but I would do it for those who wanted a recruitment tent in the area. I don't do any submissions, we set up our own tent, and I make copies of all the forms we set up tables. We are going to be doing a tent where at the Framingham encampment first weekend in May and I have the space for free for that as well. This gentleman here is going to supply the tent and I am going to supply the tables and chairs and stuff. That particular line item I think its fine the way it is. We're all here and we are all volunteers and this is a situation where we had the budget set in the only way we've been able to get an increase is to put money into the permanent fund. I understand the concept that you're saying that sometimes you don't get that big

of a bang for your buck but over the long term and it is a cyclical thing right now things are starting to turn around finally, so they still support would Ed Norris had to say.

Commander George Maple: Any further discussion?

Councilman Perley Mellor: I call the question.

Commander George Maple: We're going to have a vote, to take $3500 from the general fund into the permanent fund for purchasing stock that will yield dividends. All those in favor? Opposed? It doesn't pass.

Councilman Perley Mellor: That is all the budget committee has. One last comment I will work with Dan to get the final figure spent and balance out everything. I will get him a copy of it and get a copy to you too and also a copy to the Council, new and old.

Commander George Maple: We will proceed with the installations and wrap it up. Brother Tucker.

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I just wanted to mention before we go to the installation a couple of things coming up that I'm aware of maybe there is some more but, as everyone might have seen I sent around an email and also some were mailed a flyer for the banquet that happens on June 1. This happens to be a weeklong series of events, sesquicentennial events in Lynn. Lynn was part of the Underground Railroad and hotbed of abolitionist activity along with being the home of Col. Mudge who was quite famous for the Battle of the Bulge and dying after that. It was a home to Frederick Douglas Maj. Gen. Lander for whom the GAR post in Lynn was named after. If any of you haven't been to the GAR Hall in Lynn it may be the largest but it certainly is the finest GAR Hall that you will ever see in the United States. It is well worth it. The schedule of events is planned starting with presentations where they are bringing in James Getty and Michael Crutcher. James Getty portrays Abraham Lincoln and Michael Crutcher portrays Frederick Douglas. They are bringing it into the schools, both high schools in Lynn, Lynn Classical and Lynn English plus to the City Hall where the middle school will be brought in to see a presentation. They're going to do the dinner on Saturday the second there will be a living history on the Lynn Common with the Salem Zouaves, the Sixth Maine Battery and there may be a reenactment, they have a mountain howitzer. They're going to be shooting that off. There will be a program featuring Michael Crutcher as Frederick Douglas giving the historic speech that he spoke on that town common when he lived here for four years and where the gazebo is. It's not the original gazebo but it occupies the same space as the original. Also there will be a memorial service at Pine Grove Cemetery at the GAR plot. There will be a tour of the city, of the city's Civil War sites which they are working on right now having a charter bus take people around to the various sites. There will be guided tours of the GAR Hall. It is going to be a really huge event and a great event for the Sons. We are the major sponsor along with the city of Lynn, the roundtables and the historical commission, the schools; it's going to be a big event. It will be carried hopefully in the media with the Lynn Item which is a local paper. I hope everybody can make it. They are looking for the Sons here Saturday on the common. If any of you have the opportunity to volunteer show up in either uniform or jacket and tie. Perley?

Councilman Perley Mellor: Do you have a hotel in mind that people can stay at?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I There will is no real, if you look at hotels in Lynn there is small motels, but Dexter worked out something with the Holiday Inn on Route 1

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Yes the Holiday Inn on Route 1

Secretary Kevin Tucker: He worked out something with them and we will have some details for that and they will come out later. It is within minutes of Lynn, it's not quite in Lynn but it's the next town over. I also want to mention that on April 29 in Charlestown Massachusetts, that was the site of last year signature event, the National Park Service like that signature event so much that they want to continue doing Civil War events. While this year's will not be a signature event it will be a memorial service and program a concert and a guest speaker this year instead of at the Navy Yard it will be at the Bunker Hill Monument. It will be at the one statute 1 PM on 29th of. It will feature the Providence Brigade Band, the speaker will be Col. Delaney Anderson United States Marine Corps retired. We will have a wreath laying ceremony with the commander of the USS Constitution at the Civil War Memorial down the road at the training field Park. Everyone is certainly invited and we will need participants for a colorguard and a firing squad so if anybody is available in that period of time t So on April 29th and June 2nd are the ones we need volunteers. Also before I forget on the other, the Lynn event on June 2nd we are probably going to have another bean supper at the GAR Hall, so if any of you would like to come out will be $10 per person and will have a great time like we always do. Thank you

Eagle Scout Coordinator Timothy Callahan: Who's cooking the supper?

Secretary Kevin Tucker: I'm cooking the beans.

Commander George Maple: Brothers we will now proceed with the installation of officers. (tape ended)

Installation of officers done by National Councilman William Viera.

Meeting closed in due form by Commander's George Maple.

130th Annual Department Encampment

March 30-31, 2012

Roll Call of Officers

Name	March 30
Commander George Maple	**P**
SVC Edward Knight	**A**
JVC Edward Norris	**P**
Sec Kevin Tucker	**P**
Treasurer Daniel Murray	**P**
Council 1 Perley Mellor	**P**
Council 2 Peter Rotando	**P**
Council 3 Dexter Bishop	**P**
Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers	**P**
Chaplain Dexter Bishop	**P**
Chief of Staff	(vacant)
Counselor Perley Mellor	**P**
Color Bearer	(vacant)
Guard	(vacant)
Guide	(vacant)
Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining	**P**
Civil War Memorials Officer Edward Kelley	**P**
GAR Highway Officer Edward Norris	**P**
Historian Matthew Wallace-Gross	**A**
Organizer	(vacant)
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Name	Camp No.	DC	DO	PDC	CC	PCC	Del	Alt
Bishop, Dexter	5		X					
Chambers, Stuart	25					X		
Duce, Benjamin	25					X		
Duce, Jonathan	25						X	
Dupree, John	25						X	
Lufkin, Richard	25					X		
Maple, George	25	X						
Mellor, Perley	25		X					
Needleman, Michael	25							X
Norris, Edward	25		X					
Rotando, Peter	25		X					
Roy, Henry	25					X		
Stone, Bruce	25						X	
Borden, Robert	50					X		
Brundige, Paul	50						X	
Bates, John	61			X				
Twining, Stephen	61						X	
Callahan, Timothy	104				X			
Kelley, Edward	104						X	
London, Kenneth	104						X	
Murray, Daniel	104		X					
Nichols, Richard	104							X
Rutter, George	104							X
Tucker, Kevin	104		X					
Bonney, Allerton	3188						X	
Ford, Conley	3188				X			

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This is to certify that Brother George Maple

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Camp No. 7188 Department Mass. Date 3/31/12

This is to certify that Brother Allston L. Bonney

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Camp No. 3188 Department MA Date 3-31-2012

This is to certify that Brother Cowley W. Ford

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Department of Massachusetts

George Maple, Jr.
Department Commander

Department Order #1
Series 2011-2012
April 17, 2011

Brothers,

I am honored to be elected your Department Commander at the start of the Civil War Sesquicentennial and look forward to keeping green the memories of the boys in blue.

I would like to congratulate the other elected and appointed officers:
Ed Knight SVC
Ed Norris JVC, GAR Highway Officer
Kevin Tucker Secretary, Clarion Call Editor
Dan Murray Treasurer
Perley Mellor Council, Counselor
Peter Rotando Council
Dexter Bishop Council, Chaplain
Stuart 'Chip' Chambers, Patriotic Instructor
Timothy Callahan Eagle Scout Coordinator
Matthew Wallace-Gross Historian
Richard Carter ROTC Award
Steve Twining Graves Registration Officer
Jack Manning Signals Officer
Ed Kelley Civil War Memorials Officer

I would also like to congratulate Sister Diane Mellor on her election as Department Auxiliary President. I look forward to working with her in the upcoming year.

I urge all brothers to go out during this Sesquicentennial and have membership drives. Let people know about the sacrifices of those who fought to preserve the Union.

I can be contacted by email at gmaplejr@gmail.com, cell phone 508-410-5448 or snail mail 50 Vernon St, Worcester, MA 01610.

Ordered this 17h day of April 2011

George Maple, Jr., Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Secretary
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Department of Massachusetts

George Maple, Jr.
Department Commander

Department Order #2
Series 2011-2012

April 17, 2011

Brothers,

Per Chapter II, Article III, Section 1a of the Constitution and Regulations, I am calling a special meeting of the Department Encampment for May 22, 2011. It will be held at the Bickford's Grille, 325 Montvale Avenue, Woburn at 3:30. You do not elect new delegates or alternates for this meeting, as this is an extension of the Encampment from April 9. Please reissue delegate cards to your delegates and alternates.

The purposes of this special meeting are:

1. Elect Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment this August.
2. Vote on a resolution for the Department to support Brother Perley Mellor in his running for Senior Vice Commander in Chief.
3. Vote on Camp 61's request to restore PCC and PDC honors to Brother William Ryerson.

Ordered this 17h day of April 2011

George Maple, Jr., Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Secretary
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Department of Massachusetts

George Maple, Jr.
Department Commander

Department Order #3
Series 2011-2012

May 6, 2011

Brothers,

After an objection was raised concerning the conditions which would allow for a Special Meeting to be called, I have consulted with our Department Counselor and other Department officers, and have decided that, per Article III, Section 5 of the Department bylaws, I am canceling the Special Meeting of the Encampment on May 22, 2011. This section states a Special Meeting can only be called for "extraordinary cause", and, in my opinion, the purposes for which the Special Meeting on May 22nd, 2011 was to be called fall short of this requirement.

As for the 3 purposes that were to be on the agenda:

1. Since Delegates for the National Encampment were not elected at the Department Encampment on April 9, 2011, the Delegates elected at the 2010 Department Encampment remain in office, per the rituals. The 2010 Encampment voted that, aside from the Brothers elected as Delegates, all other Brothers are elected Alternates. As in 2010, this will allow any Brother who was a Member in 2010 to attend the 2011 National Encampment as a Delegate until our maximum Delegate allowance is reached.

2. The Department will publish an ad in the National Encampment program endorsing favorite son Perley Mellor for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

3. The resolution concerning the restoration of PCC and PDC honors to Brother William Ryerson will be considered at the 2012 Department Encampment.

Ordered this 6th day of May, 2011

George Maple, Jr., Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Secretary
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Department of Massachusetts

George Maple, Jr.
Department Commander

Department Order #4
Series 2011-2012

May 26, 2011

In accordance with the Department budget passed at the Department Encampment in April, 250 G.A.R and Civil War Veteran flag holders were purchased for distribution to and placement by our Camps. Our Department Graves Registration Officer, Brother Steve Twining, has received the shipment of flag holders, and is in charge of distributing them.

Twenty flag holders will be reserved for each Camp in the Department until June 30th. After June 30th, the remaining flag holders, and any reserved flag holders which have not been claimed, will be available for distribution to Camps upon request, and if needed.

Only Camp Graves Registration Officers or Camp Commanders may contact Brother Twining to arrange delivery of flag holders.

Brother Twining can be contacted at 978-516-0074 or 978-502-4423, or by email at suvcw1@aol.com.

Also, send any pictures or stories of your activities for the Good of the Order to Clarion Editor Brother Kevin Tucker at civilwarmemorials@verizon.net.

Ordered this 26th day of May, 2011

George Maple, Jr., Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Secretary
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Department of Massachusetts

George Maple Jr
Department Commander

Department Order #5
Series 2011-2012

August 1, 2011

Brothers,
I hope everyone's families survived the recent visit of "Irene" with little damage, especially the brothers in the west still recovering from the tornado.
The camp election and installation season is approaching.
Article VIII, Section 4 of our Department ByLaws states:

Camp Elections; The Camp Elections shall be held during the months of October and November. The Camp Commander-elect shall notify the Department Commander upon the election, the date, time and place of the Camp installation, and request an installing officer to be assigned. The Camp Commander-elect will provide all records, accounts, property lists, and Election Report Forms to the Installing Officer prior to the installation.

The installations should be held during November and December. I know these are tough months and will likely have some rescheduling, but we need to get these done in a timely fashion.

At the National Encampment this year, a list of reports and when they are due was given to each Department. This was a result of many Departments being late with reports. This list will be given to each Camp Secretary and needs to be followed, so the Department can submit its reports on time.

Ordered this 1st day of August, 2011

George Maple Jr, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
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Attest:
Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Secretary
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1			PROPOSED BUDGET 2012			
2						
3	ITEM	SPENT	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	PROPOSED	DIFF. + OR -
4					BUDGET	
5	Dept. Battle Flags Replicas	$ -	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	same
6	Dept. Sesquicentennial Events	$ 613.18	$ 1,000.00	$ 386.82	$ 2,500.00	$ 1,500.00
7	Dept. Colors Maint. And Equipment	$ -	$ 200.00	$ 200.00	$ 500.00	$ 300.00
8	Dept. Depot Rent Expenses	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ -	$ 1,000.00	same
9	Dept. Encampment Expenses	$ 490.90	$ 1,250.00	$ 759.10	$ 1,250.00	same
10	Dept. Miscellaneous Expense Fund	$ 138.79	$ 500.00	$ 361.21	$ 500.00	same
11	Dept. newsletters Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	same
12	Dept. Officer Meetings	$ -	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	same
13	Dept. Officer Bond	$ -	$ 250.00	$ 250.00	$ 250.00	same
14	Dept. Officer Travel Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00
15	Dept. Chaplain	$ 250.00	$ 250.00	$ -	$ -	$ (250.00)
16	Dept. Commander	$ 904.71	$ 1,100.00	$ 195.29	$ 250.00	$ (850.00)
17	Dept. J.V.C.	$ 295.00	$ 500.00	$ 205.00	$ -	$ (500.00)
18	Dept. S.V.C.	$ -	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ -	$ (500.00)
19	Dept. Secretary	$ 250.00	$ 250.00	$ -	$ -	$ (250.00)
20	Dept. Treasurer	$ -	$ 250.00	$ 250.00	$ -	$ (250.00)
21	**Total Dept. officer Travel**	**$ 1,699.71**	**$ 2,850.00**	**$ 1,150.29**	**$ 1,750.00**	**$ 1,100.00**
22	Dept. Secretary's Office Supplies	$ 61.83	$ 500.00	$ 438.17	$ 500.00	same
23	Annual C.P.A. Expenses	$ -	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	same
24	Dept. Treasurer Office Supplies	$ 317.05	$ 350.00	$ 32.95	$ 350.00	same
25	Tax Form Preparation	$ -	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	same
26	Dept. Website Hosting Fee	$ 110.54	$ 250.00	$ 139.46	$ 250.00	same
27	Purchase of Flag Holders	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	$ -	$ 1,800.00	$ 300.00
28	Chelsea Soldiers Home	$ 1,228.71	$ 1,750.00	$ 521.29	$ 1,750.00	same
29	Eagle Scout Awards	$ 195.91	$ 250.00	$ 54.09	$ 300.00	$ 50.00
30	Nera Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
31	Other Good of the Order	$ 79.95	$ 120.00	$ 40.05	$ 120.00	same
32	Recruitment	$ 37.50	$ 250.00	$ 212.50	$ 250.00	same
33	ROTC Award	$ -	$ 175.00	$ 175.00	$ 200.00	$ 25.00
34	Stone Placement	$ -	$ 250.00	$ 250.00	$ 250.00	same
35	Lincoln Brunch Expenses	$ 244.09	$ 500.00	$ 255.91	$ 500.00	same
36	National Encampment Travel	$ 2,454.50	$ 2,700.00	$ 245.50	$ 5,000.00	$ 2,300.00
37	Remembrance Day Trip	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ -	$ 2,500.00	$ 500.00
38						
39	**Total**	**$12,172.66**	**22,645.00**	**$10,472.34**	**$27,020**	**$6,975**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31, 2011

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT

Sons of Union Veterans of
the Civil War Mass Dept
Lancaster, MA 01523

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of financial position - cash basis of **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT** (a non profit organization) as of March 31, 2011, and the related statement of activities - cash basis for the year then ended. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of Organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting, as described in Note B.

Sincerely,

Letarte & Mueller

Letarte & Mueller CPA's
March 14, 2012

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENT OF FINACIAL POSITION

MARCH 31,

ASSETS

	2011
Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 19,931
Investments at Fair Market Value	675,760
Total Assets	$ 695,691

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	$ 575,336
Temporarily Restricted	899
Permanently Restricted	119,456
Total Net Assets	695,691
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	$ 695,691

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountants' Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENT OF FINACIAL POSITION

March 31,
2011

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanantly Restricted	Total
Support and Revenues:				
Public Support Contributions	$ 5	$ -	$ -	$ 5
Total Public Support	5	-	-	5
Revenues:				
Membership Fees	1,130	-	-	1,130
Dividend and Interest Income	17,452	963	-	18,415
Unrealized Gains on Investments	74,591	-	-	74,591
Total Revenues and Gains	93,173	963	-	94,136
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	64	(64)	-	-
Total Support, Revenue, and Gains	93,242	899	-	94,141
Expenses:				
Program Services	1,090	-	-	1,090
National Membership Fees	2,700	-	-	2,700
Department Encampment Expenses	1,139	-	-	1,139
Good of the Order	2,172	-	-	2,172
Rememberance Day	2,000	-	-	2,000
Flag Holder Expense	997	-	-	997
Travel	1,647	-	-	1,647
Equipment Purchase	1,244	-	-	1,244
Meetings	1,476	-	-	1,476
Printing Expense	224	-	-	224
Miscellaneous	734	-	-	734
Management and General				
Rent	1,000	-	-	1,000
Insurance	235	-	-	235
Office Expense	402	-	-	402
Professional Fees	2,500	-	-	2,500
Total Expenses	19,560	-	-	19,560
Change in Net Assets	73,682	899	-	74,581
Net Assets Beginning of Year	501,654	-	119,456	621,110
Net Assets End of Year	$ 575,336	$ 899	$ 119,456	$ 695,691

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountants' Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31, 2011

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

a) Nature of Activities:

The organization was formed in 1881 and declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia. The organization's purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865 through preserving and making available for research documents and records pertaining to its members. Other activities include honoring all those who served our country patriotically and teaching patriotism and duties of citizenship.

b) Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses and purchases of assets are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred. Net assets, revenues, expenses, and gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31, 2011

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of demand deposit accounts and certificates of deposit with maturities of 3 months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market value.

d) Contributions:

Contributions, including unconditional pledges, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Pledges are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. Contributions of investments are recorded at the fair market value at the date of the gift.

e) Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

f) Investments:

Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair market value in the statements of financial position.

g) Income Taxes:

The Organization is exempt from federal tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is also exempt from state and local income taxes.

g) Income Taxes: (Con't)

On April 1, 2009, the Organization adopted the provisions of FASB ASC-740-10, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*. FASB ASC-740-10 requires that a tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a 'more-likely-than-not' threshold. This applies to positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The implementation of FASB ASC-740-10 had no impact on the Organization's statement of financial position or statement of activities. The organization does not believe its financial statements include (or reflect) any uncertain tax positions.

h) Concentrations of Credit Risk:

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and certificates of deposit. The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, the balances of which, at times may exceed federally insured limits. Accounts are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to $250,000. At March 31, 2011, the Organization did not have deposits excess of FDIC insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

	2011
Cash	$ 19,931
Total	$ 19,931

3. Fair Value Measurements

ASC 820-10-50, *Fair Value Measurements* establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820-10-50 are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

3. Fair Value Measurements (Con't)

Assets at Fair Values as of March 31, 2011.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks	$420,588	$ -	$ -	$420,588
Certificates of Deposit	-	255,172	-	255,172
	$420,588	$255,172	$ -	$675,760

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classifications in the statement of activities.

	2011		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Dividend and Interest Income	$ 17,452	$ 963	$ 18,415
Unrealized Gains	74,591	-	74,591
	$ 92,043	963	$ 93,006

4. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily Restricted net Assets are for the following purposes:

	2011
Arnold William Copenhagen Fund Income available to the post for relief work and the decoration of graves of veterans of the Civil War.	$ 351
Margaretha Myers Fund Income available to provide proper care of lot #814 Hyacinth, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.	176
Charles F. Ellis Fund Income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of Camp 81 including proper observance of Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries.	180
George C. Marshall Fund Income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of the camp including the proper observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic anniversaries.	13

4. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets (Con't)

Robert & Ethel Wood Fund Income available to place a wreath at each Christmas season on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot# 3298 Dorchester, Massachusetts.	179
	$ 899

5. Permanently Restricted Net Assets

Permanently Restricted Net Assets are for the following purposes:

	2011
Arnold William Copenhagen Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to the post for relief work and the decoration of graves of veterans of the Civil War.	$ 47,070
Margaretha Myers Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to provide proper care of lot #814 Hyacinth, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.	14,071
Charles F. Ellis Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of Camp 81 including proper observance of Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries.	17,284
George C. Marshall Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of the camp including the proper observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic anniversaries.	18,993
Robert & Ethel Wood Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to place a wreath at each Christmas season on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot# 3298 Dorchester, Massachusetts.	27,038
	$ 119,456